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FOR THE

Year Commencing April, A. D. 1888, A. Dep. 2888.

M.·. P.·. JAS. BESTOR MERRITT,.GRAND MASTER,.....*Oakland;*

R.·. P.·. WILLIAM E. OUGHTON,.DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,.....*Sacramento;*

R.·. P.·. WILLIAM F. PIERCE,....GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER,...*Oakland;*

R.·. P.·. DAVID P. MARSHALL,.. { GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS, } *San Francisco;*

R.·. P.·. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.GRAND TREASURER,.. ..... *San Francisco;*

R.·. P.·. THOS. H. CASWELL,.....GRAND RECORDER,.....*San Francisco;*

Comp. OSGOOD C. WHEELER,...GRAND CHAPLAIN,.....*Oakland;*

" GEORGE PENLINGTON, .GRAND CAPT. OF THE GUARDS,.*San Francisco;*

" CHAS. EDWIN GILLETT..GRAND STEWARD,..... .....*Oakland;*

" SAMUEL D. MAYER, ...GRAND ORGANIST,.....*San Francisco;*

" JAMES OGLESBY, ...GRAND SENTINEL,..... .....*San Francisco.*

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California commenced its twenty-eighth Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Monday, the sixteenth day of April, A. D. 1888, A. Dep. 2888, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. P.·.* CHARLES LORD FIELD, ...*Grand Master;*
" *R.·. P.·.* JAMES BASTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
" *R.·. P.·.* WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
" *R.·. P.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*
" *R.·. P.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.. ....*Grand Treasurer;*
" *R.·. P.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,..... *Grand Recorder;*
Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....as *Grand Chaplain;*
" DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Captain of the Guards;*
" GEORGE PENLINGTON, ...as *Grand Steward;*
" SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,.....*Grand Organist;*
" JAMES OGLESBY,.....*Grand Sentinel.*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. P.·.* ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,..... *Past Grand Master;*
" *M.·. P.·.* ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... " " "
" *M.·. P.·.* STEPHEN WING,..... ..... " " "
" *M.·. P.·.* THOMAS KYLE, ... " " "
" *M.·. P.·.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... " " "
" *M.·. P.·.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... " " "
" *M.·. P.·.* EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,..... " " "
" *M.·. P.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... " " "

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And the representatives of six chartered Councils, with several Past Thrice Illustrious Masters by service under this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being a sufficient representation present, the Grand Council of California was opened in Ample Form, with music by the choir, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee—

On Credentials: .. .. { Comp. William Frank Pierce, " George Crockett Knox, " George Penlington.

After a short recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of chartered Councils, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, as being present and entitled to seats, viz :—

Sacramento, ..No. 1,... { Edwin Glover, Thrice Illustrious Master; Valentine Dresher, Prin. Con. of the Works; William Monroe Petrie, William Edward Oughton, } P.Th. Ill. Masters.

California, ...No. 2... { George Penlington, Thrice Illustrious Master; William Warren Coleman, Deputy Ill. Master; Adolphus Hollub, Thomas Kyle, Franklin Henry Day, Charles Lord Field, David Pugh Marshall, Isaac Stanwood Locke, } Past Th. Ill. Masters.

Sonora, ...No. 5.....Stephen Wing, Past Thrice Illustrious Master.

Shasta,.....No. 6... { Mortimer Cherberry Allen, Thrice Ill. Master, and Past Thrice Ill. Master.

Stockton,.....No. 10... { Edward Richards Hedges, Th. Ill. Master, and Past Thirce Ill. Master; Isaac Sutvene Titus, Past Thrice Ill. Master.

Los Angeles,...No. 11... { George Crockett Knox, Thrice Ill. Master; Charles Wilson Bush, proxy for D. Ill. Master; John Condit Haskell, Prin. Con. of the Works; Henry Sayre Orme, Past Thrice Ill. Master.

Oakland,.....No. 12... { James Bestor Merritt, Deputy Ill. Master and Past Thrice Ill. Master; Edwin Allen Sherman, Pr. Con. of the Works; Charles Edwin Gillett, William Frank Pierce, } Past Th. Ill. Masters.

Which report was concurred in, and the companions named therein were admitted to seats.

The reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following regular committees :—

On Jurisprudence:

Comp. Franklin Henry Day,
" Henry Sayre Orme,
" Adolphus Hollub.

On Appeals and Grievances:

Comp. Isaac Sutvene Titus,
" Edward Richards Hedges,
" David Pugh Marshall.

On Finances and Returns:

Comp. William Frank Pierce,
" Edwin Glover,
" Isaac Stanwood Locke.

The Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address, as follows : —

ILL.·. COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL :—

Again we meet in Grand Council to close the labors of the year and render an account of our stewardship ; also to again renew our vows of zeal and fidelity to our beloved Rite.

Let us not forget at this time to render our grateful thanks to the Royal Master of the Universe for the manifold blessings which He has bestowed upon us. Health, peace and prosperity have been with us during the past year. Our Secret Vault has not been invaded by the "Grim Messenger," and we are again permitted to assemble in an unbroken Council.

My labors during the past year have been labors of love only ; harmony has prevailed among the workmen and the year has been one of prosperity—every subordinate Council has done work. I have visited every Council in the State, except *Sonora*, some several times.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

On September 24th I visited *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, and witnessed the conferring of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees upon five candidates. I found the companions of Los Angeles fully awake, and zealous in the good cause. I cannot award too much praise to the *T.·. Ill.·.* Master and officers of this Council for the impressive manner in which they did their work. The attendance was large and much interest was manifested by all the companions. After the Council was closed the companions adjourned to the banquet hall, where the ladies had provided a sumptuous banquet. Past *M.·. P.·.* Comp. ORME was present, and his hopeful, cheering words added much to the occasion. I would suggest that the companions of *Los Angeles* Council will do well to ever remember their "Old Story."

At the Stated Assembly of *California* Council, No. 2, in December, I was present, and, with the assistance of Past *M.·. P.·.* Comp. DAY, as Grand Marshal, installed their officers. I have been present at every Stated Assembly

of this Council during the past year, and witnessed the conferring of the degrees; the work has been well done, and while modesty forbids any extended remarks, I feel justified in saying that *California* Council will be found second to none in this jurisdiction.

On December 15th, accompanied by the *T.·. Ill.·.* Master and several officers and members of *California* Council, I made an official visit to *Oakland*, No. 12. After witnessing the conferring of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees upon eight candidates, assisted by *T.·. Ill.·.* Comp. WOODRUFF, as Grand Marshal, I installed their officers. My visit to Oakland was of the most pleasant character, and I cannot award the officers and companions of this Council too much credit for the energetic measures they have taken to forward the interests of Cryptic Masonry in their jurisdiction. The persuasive powers of the Oakland companions has been made very apparent in the numerous applications received from companions desirous of receiving knightly honors. I can see "Merritt" in it. Continue steadfast to the end. After the Council closed, Comp. GILLETT invited the companions to the banquet room, where we enjoyed ourselves until the warning cry was raised—"Only five minutes to catch the last boat."

On December 20th accompanied by Comp. A. W. BALDWIN, of *California* Council, I visited *Shasta* Council, No. 6, and after witnessing the conferring of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees, assisted by Comp. BALDWIN, as Grand Marshal, I installed their officers. While there was only one candidate for the degrees, the interest shown by the Companions was satisfactory proof that *Shasta* Council can be relied upon to keep up their end. The material the Shasta companions are made of cannot be better illustrated than by the fact that their candidate came fifteen miles on foot to receive the degrees. The companions of Shasta and this Grand Council owe much to the untiring efforts of Past *M.·. P.·.* Comp. BYSTLE, *T.·. Ill.·.* Comp. ALLEN and *Ill.·.* Comp. GARDEN. While they live *Shasta* Council will have work to do. After the Council closed we spent an enjoyable hour at the banquet table. We left Shasta with regret, highly pleased with our trip.

January 27th I visited *Stockton* Council, No. 10, and witnessed the conferring of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees upon three candidates. The work was done in the usually correct and acceptable manner for which the Stockton companions are noted. The banquet which followed the conferring of the degrees was one which will be long remembered by the participants. The companions of Stockton can always be depended upon to look after the interests of Cryptic Masonry in their jurisdiction.

On February 6th I visited *Marysville* Council, No. 3, and assisted in conferring the Royal and Select Masters' degrees upon eleven candidates. In my Address to you last year I assured you that *Marysville* Council was alive and that a good report would come from them this year. My predictions have been more than fulfilled, and to-day I am most happy to report the progress they have made. While we conferred the degrees upon *only* eleven candidates, several more were elected who could not be present that evening, thus assuring them work in the future. We must award the full meed of praise to the companions of *Marysville* Council for the successful effort they made to revive Cryptic Masonry in their jurisdiction. After the Council was closed the com-

panions repaired to the banquet room, where the "Super Excellent" was fully discussed.

On March 26th I visited *Sacramento* Council, No. 1, and witnessed the conferring of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees upon two candidates, and although this was the first time the new officers had conferred the degrees, the work was correctly and well done. I found that the Sacramento companions, like the companions of Oakland, have discovered a secret which attracts Royal Arch Masons to their fold.

Dispensations.

January 9th I granted *Shasta* Council a dispensation to elect and install a Recorder at a time other than prescribed by their By-Laws.

January 30th I granted *Los Angeles* Council a dispensation to elect and install their officers at a time other than prescribed by their By-Laws.

Decisions.

Only one question has been presented to me for consideration during the past year, viz.: A companion who received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in a Royal Arch Chapter in the State of Illinois, and afterwards joined a Council in the same State on a certificate from the Chapter, asks if he would be entitled to visit a Council in this State. I replied that if he was now a member, in good standing, of a legally constituted Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Illinois, they having a Grand Council owing allegiance to the General Grand Council of the United States, were competent judges of the qualifications of their own members, and, in my opinion, he was entitled to all the rights and privileges accorded to visitors in any Council in this State.

Grand Representatives.

I have commissioned as our representatives to other Grand Councils :—

August 17th, Comp. Hiram Bassett, of Millersburg, at the Grand Council of Kentucky.

September 7th, Comp. Marcus L. Bell, at the Grand Council of Arkansas.

September 20th, *Ill.·.* Comp. Samuel M. Todd, of New Orleans, at the Grand Council of Louisiana.

September 20th, *Ill.·.* Comp. Orlando W. Brownback, of Pendleton, at the Grand Council of Indiana.

I have accredited as Grand Representatives to our Grand Council, *M.·. P.·.* Comp. Thomas Kyle, of *California* Council, from the Grand Council of Kentucky; *R.·. P.·.* Comp. William Frank Pierce, of *Oakland* Council, from the Grand Council of Arkansas; *Ill.·.* Comp. David Pugh Marshall, of *California* Council, from the Grand Council of Indiana.

Recommendations.

I would recommend that the titles of the Grand Officers of this Grand Council be changed as follows: *M.·. P.·.* to *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, all other Grand Officers from *R.·. P.·.* to *R.·. Ill.·.* and that the office of Grand *Ill.·.* Master be abolished. I would also recommend that a Grand Conductor of the Council be appointed; these changes would make the titles of our officers correspond with the titles of a large majority of our sister Grand Councils, and the offices would then correspond with those of the General Grand Council of the United States.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

I am most happy to report our Order in a flourishing condition. While some Councils have not done as much work as last year, all the Councils have done work; but that which affords me more pleasure than all else, is the general interest manifested by the companions in all parts of the State. May this interest continue unabated.

I would particularly commend the action of the companions of *Oakland* Council for the stand they have taken in regard to the Council degrees, and would advise the companions from other parts of the State to consult with them, and then go and do likewise.

And now, companions, as I am about to turn over to my successor the authority so generously confided to my keeping one year ago, let me thank you, and all the companions throughout the State, for the generous support you have given me, and the cordial reception which has always been tendered me when I have visited you. And as I return again to the floor, let me ask for a continuance of the respect and love you have given me during my service as Grand Master, promising you at the same time not only my continued interest in the welfare of this Grand Council, but my active support.

May our labors this day be characterized by the same spirit which has animated us in the past, and may this week's Masonic reunion be one of much good, both for Masonry and ourselves, and may that same prescience which has cared for us in the past, protect and keep us in the future.

CHARLES L. FIELD,
Grand Master.

Which Address was referred to a special committee of three. Whereupon the Deputy Grand Master appointed as such

Committee on Grand Master's Address: ..... Comp. Isaac Sutvene Titus, " Jacob Hart Neff, " Henry Sayre Orme.

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of California:—

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Assembly:—

As soon as was possible (in July) after the close of the last Annual Assembly, the proceedings thereat were printed, and the usual number distributed as follows:—

One copy to each of the Grand Officers and permanent Past Grand Officers of this Council; one copy to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils; three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of the subordinate Councils of our obedience.

By order of the Grand Master, commissions to Representatives of this Grand Council, near other Grand Councils, have been issued as follows:—

On the seventh day of September, 1887, to Comp. HIRAM BASSETT, near the Grand Council of Kentucky;

On the same date, to Comp. MARCUS L. BELL, near the Grand Council of Arkansas;

On the twenty-first day of September, 1887, to Comp. SAMUEL MANNING TODD, near the Grand Council of Louisiana;

And on the twentieth day of January, 1888, to Comp. ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK, near the Grand Council of Indiana.

During the year the following special dispensations have been issued by order of the Grand Master:—

On the ninth day of January, 1888, to *Shasta* Council, No. 6, to elect a Recorder; and,

On the thirtieth day of January, 1888, to *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, to elect officers of the Council at a time other than that fixed by the Constitution of the Grand Council.

In connection with the issuing of these dispensations, the undersigned would suggest an amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Council, by which a fee, of at least five dollars, should be paid for each and every dispensation issued by the Grand Master. Indeed, the whole Constitution requires revision. As the law now stands, there is not only no fee for these dispensations, but there is no law which authorizes the Grand Master to issue them. That such provision should be made is too self-evident to require argument.

Again, under the head of "Revenue" should be added a clause fixing the fee to be charged for diplomas. At the last Annual Assembly this Grand Council adopted a form for a diploma, and directed your Grand Recorder to have one hundred copies lithographed. He did so, and during the year has issued three, on proper certificates of good standing. Two were paid for, the Grand Recorder charging the same fee as charged for the diplomas of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery—and divided that fee as in the laws of those Grand Bodies. These and other amendments are necessary, if we wish to secure to this Grand Body that degree of respectability and importance which should belong to every branch of our Masonic system—especially to the governing Body of our beloved Cryptic Rite.

The following, collated from the returns of subordinate Councils, shows that each year Cryptic Masonry is being better understood, and its mysteries more sought after by intelligent Masons:—

Number greeted during the year	51	
Number affiliated	2	
Number restored	1	—
Total increase		54
Number withdrawn	6	
Number excluded	5	
Number died	16	—
Total decrease		27
Net increase for the year		27

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder's office since the last Annual Assembly:—

RECEIPTS.

Sacramento Council,	No.	1,	dues to	February	1,	1888	$100	50
California	"	No. 2,	"	"	"	"	161	00
Marysville	"	No. 3,	"	"	"	"	29	50
Sonora	"	No. 5,	"	"	"	"	15	50
Shasta	"	No. 6,	"	"	"	"	30	50
Helena	"	No. 9,	"	"	"	"	22	00
Stockton	"	No. 10,	"	"	"	"	38	00
Los Angeles	"	No. 11,	"	"	"	"	45	50
Oakland	"	No. 12,	"	"	"	"	33	50
Total for dues							$476	00
Received for two diplomas							$ 4	00
Received from rebate on order drawn on Treasurer							5	00
Total receipts for the year							$485	00

Amount paid to the Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented $485 00

Twelve warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer for the aggregate amount of $653 10

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report as follows:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council, R. & S. M., of California:—

1887.				
April 25.	To balance cash on hand			$376 15
1888.				
Feb. 20.	" received from Grand Recorder			270 00
March 28.	" " " " "			215 00
				$861 15
1887.				
June 14.	By paid Britton & Rey,	Voucher No.	2	$ 90 00
" 15.	" " T. H. Caswell,	" "	3	56 25
July 14.	" " James Oglesby,	" "	4	10 00
Aug. 12.	" " T. H. Caswell,	" "	5	4 60
Sept. 5.	" " S. D. Mayer,	" "	1	15 00
" 10.	" " T. H. Caswell,	" "	6	56 25
" 17.	" " F. Eastman & Co.,	" "	7	100 00
" 20.	" " C. L. Field,	" "	8	50 00
Dec. 9.	" " T. H. Caswell,	" "	9	56 25
	Amount carried forward			438 35

1888.			
	Amount brought forward		$438 35
March 28.	By paid T. H. Caswell,	Voucher No. 10	8 50
" 28.	" " "	" " 11	56 25
April 3.	" " C. L. Field,	" " 12	150 00
			653 10
April 16.	Balance cash on hand		$208 05

Respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report :—

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully report that the proceedings of the following Grand Councils have been received and reviewed :—

CONNECTICUT	for 1887	MINNESOTA	for 1887
ENGLAND AND WALES	" 1888	NEW HAMPSHIRE	" 1887
ILLINOIS (Circular)	" 1887	NEW JERSEY	" 1888
INDIANA	" 1887	NEW YORK	" 1887
KANSAS	for 1886–87	OHIO	" 1887
MISSOURI	for 1887	OREGON	" 1888
KENTUCKY	" 1887	PENNSYLVANIA	for 1887–88
LOUISIANA (Circular)	" 1888	RHODE ISLAND	for 1884 to 1886
MAINE	" 1887	VERMONT	for 1887

Making nineteen in all, and leaving Arkansas, Canada, Michigan, Missouri, South Carolina, Georgia and Nebraska unaccounted for. We hope this notice of their non-appearance will bring them all to our table next year. We are alphabetically compelled this year to give the first place to

CONNECTICUT.

The sixty-ninth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of New Haven on the ninth day of May, 1887,—the *M.·. P.·.* FRANK G. BASSETT, Grand Master, presiding, Comp. J. K. WHEELER being Grand Recorder. Seventeen subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master delivered a good practical Address, from which it appears that, while peace and harmony prevail in the Cryptic Rite, some unpleasantness prevails on the ground floor of Masonry. He says :—

"True Masonry does inculcate charity, relief, unity, and brotherhood; it does call into being and unity of action the higher and better qualities of man; it does minister to the wants of the needy and suffering; does shield and sustain the weak, helpless, and innocent. But nowhere and in nothing, neither at the altar or in the sanctum, neither by precept, by example, by tie, or promise, does it tolerate or sanction disloyalty or rebellion, such as we have been called upon to witness by the actions of some of the members of *Hiram* Lodge, of this city. And I believe it is impossible for a Mason to be loyal to his obligation and disloyal to the laws and edicts of the Grand Lodge."

"And, companions, I believe it is our duty to legislate here to-day to protect and sustain the Grand Lodge, which is the foundation upon which this superstructure is erected, in enforcing the edict which she has issued against *Hiram* Lodge and her members. We must, as we should, be equal to this task. To falter or to shrink from it would be to ignobly belie our professions and to lower our banners in disgrace."

This has the true Masonic ring. To denounce and discountenance disobedience and rebellion to constituted authority is the bounden duty of every lawfully constituted Masonic body, Grand or subordinate.

The death of two worthy companions is announced. The Grand Tyler, Comp. JOSEPH RILEY, and the venerable Comp. HUMPHREY LYON, who laid down the burden of life at the ripe age of nearly ninety years. Of him the Grand Master says:—

"During 'the dark days of anti-Masonry,' living then in the midst of the 'storm center,' in Western New York, his faith never wavered, his zeal never abated, or his love grew cold. Through a long life he was the sincere Christian, the upright citizen, the model Mason.

"Thus he lived. 'Near ninety years
His honest blows resounded
From base to cap; till ashlar rough
Was sweetly smoothed and rounded.

"'Twas built upon such solid base
Of brotherhood and duty,
That even time's despoiling hand
Could scarcely mar its beauty.

"The dust returns to dust again;
The builder's inward spirit
Of love to God and fellow men,
As Masons, we inherit.'"

The reports of the visiting Grand Officers show the Cryptic Craft in Connecticut to be in a harmonious and flourishing condition.

A brief Report on Correspondence was submitted by Comp. WILLIAM WALLACE LEE.

There are nineteen subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 2,294.

The *M.·. P.·.* JAMES H. WELSH was elected Grand Master, and the *T.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JOSEPH R. WHEELER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown (North America excepted) was held in the city of London on the second day of February, 1888,—the *M.·. Ill.* Rev. CANON PORTAL, M. A., Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. Ill.·.* C. FITZGERALD MATIER, (P. D. G. M.), being Grand Recorder.

The following American Grand Councils were represented:—

Illinois, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, General Grand Council, U. S. A.

The Executive Committee reported that the progress of the Cryptic Rite had been marked by a slow but steady extension during the past year. A new Council had been formed at Dunedin, New Zealand, and was consecrated

on the fifteenth day of March, 1887. A new Council had also been formed at Canterbury. Friendly relationship had been entered into with the Grand Council of Indiana, and an exchange of Representatives effected. The Committee report that the Grand Council continues to preserve the most amicable and fraternal relations with the Grand Councils of the United States, Canada and Scotland, and again thank the Grand Recorders for copies of their proceedings. There are fourteen subordinate Councils upon the roll of this Grand Body, five of which are reported as dormant, leaving nine active Councils.

The Grand Treasurer, a few days previous to the meeting of the Grand Council, suffered a severe loss in the death of his wife, and could not be present at the session. A vote of condolence was passed, and the companion was unanimously re-elected to the office of Grand Treasurer.

We notice that most of the Grand Councils of the United States have Representatives near the Grand Council of England and Wales, and *vice versa*, and we see no good reason why these reciprocal courtesies should not be established between our own Grand Council and our companions across the water.

All communications should be addressed to C. F. MATIER, Grand Recorder, 8–A Red Lion Square, London, W. C., England.

INDIANA.

This Grand Council held its thirty-second Annual Assembly in the city of Indianapolis on the eighteenth day of October, 1887,—the *M.·. P.·.* ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK, Grand Master, presiding, the *Ill.·.* Comp. JOHN M. BRAMWELL being Grand Recorder. Thirty-eight out of forty-one subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his Address, pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM M. BLACK, Grand Steward and Sentinel, who died August 19, 1887.

One charter of a subordinate Council was forfeited, but a new Council was formed to fill the vacancy and keep the number of subordinates intact.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of $773.84.

The following resolution was submitted and referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals :—

"WHEREAS, The dues of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, are excessive and out of all reason—being more than any order in Indiana, excepting such as furnish insurance—and the expenses of running the Grand Council are extravagant, when compared with the importance of the Body. Therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That unless the dues are reduced to a reasonable rate, *Indiana* Council, No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, surrenders its charter without further action."

The committee reported as follows :—

"Your committee finds itself unable to *agree* upon any suggestion to offer, and its deliberations having continued until it 'seemed possible death might intervene to one of us' before agreement could be reached, have unanimously agreed to so report to this Grand Body."

Which report was concurred in.

No legislation of general interest was had.

A good Report on Correspondence was submitted by Comp. ALBERT P. CHARLES, comprising an interesting review of the proceedings of nineteen

Grand Councils, including those of the General Grand Council, and the Grand Council of England and Wales.

Under the head of "Alabama," he says:—

"No proceedings have been received from this Grand Jurisdiction. Comp. DANIEL SAYRE, former Grand Recorder, in reply to a request for information on the subject, writes that 'the Grand Council is dead—has not had a meeting in three years.' We regret to part with this Grand Council, and hope that matters are not so bad as our companion thinks, but that it may again resume its place in our ranks."

We, too, are sorry to hear of the moribund condition of this Grand Council, and trust that it may yet be resuscitated, and again shine forth a brilliant star in the Cryptic constellation.

California for 1887 receives fraternal notice at his hands, and our report receives complimentary notice, for which our thanks are due.

With reference to the report of our committee upon the Grand Master's Address, relative to the "prerequisite business," he says:—

"This matter we believe is practically in the hands of the subordinate Councils and these degrees can by them be made pre-requisite. We have thought, and still think, in view of the several distinct snubbings we have received at the hands of the Grand Encampment, that it was not best to ask for recognition from that Body again. We believe it is better for these degrees to form a part of what is known as the 'American Rite,' to have it come in its proper place in the degrees between the Entered Apprentice and Knight Templar, but we do not believe in begging for such recognition. These degrees are as beautiful as any in Masonry, as useful as any; they can sustain themselves in the future as they have in the past, and there is no reason why we should supplicate the 'ornamental military end' of Masonry to be received only with a stone."

We agree fully with Companion CHARLES in his conclusions. We may rest assured that the point will never be conceded by the Templar powers, and all further agitation of the subject may as well be abandoned at once.

Under the head of "Michigan," he says:—

"'We, and we only, can infuse the life-giving material into this organization which will make it perpetual. If the subordinate Councils will hold monthly, instead of quarterly, semi-annual, or annual meetings, if the officers will qualify themselves to confer the degrees as they should be conferred, if they will adopt such other means of enjoyment as the case will admit of, they will make their meetings both a pleasure and a profit to all participating, and, my word for it, they will have no more cause to complain of the apathy evinced by their members. It sometimes seems strange to those who already possess the secrets of the Crypt that so many Royal Arch Masons neglect to secure them; but, companions, don't blame the Commanderies for it. How can you expect those outside to take an interest in the rite if *you*, who already possess them, can hardly get up enough enthusiasm to hold a meeting once or twice a year?' This is vigorously and correctly put. If, instead of begging to have Cryptic Masonry made a 'prerequisite,' we would go to work and put life into it by working, by attending the meetings and making them lively, there would be no more complaints of apathy. The remedy must come from within, not from without."

Under "Rhode Island," we find the following:—

"The Grand Master approved the improved ritual of the Superexcellent degree. Wonder if they peeped over the line into Connecticut and found out who the last king of Judah was? If they did not, another committee ought to be appointed to go on a voyage of discovery. This is one of the essentials

of the degree. Companion CASWELL, of California, would find it a more serious business than his 'Eclampsus Vitas,' 'Sons of Malta,' or 'Thousand and One.'"

Whoever has been *regularly* initiated into the *Ancient* Orders of the Eclampsus Vitas, Sons of Malta and the Thousand and One, has no need to go peering into the "Nutmeg State" for extra sensations.

In conclusion Comp. CHARLES says:—

"As we finish our labor, we turn to the pile of proceedings that we have examined and regret that the last has been reached. We have derived more pleasure than ever from their perusal, and trust our companions who may take the pains to read our report will derive as much pleasure from the synopsis of the proceedings we have arranged as we did in its preparation. The Cryptic Rite is upon a better footing than last year. Cheering words come from nearly every jurisdiction. We believe that the crisis is past, and that *forward* will be the order hereafter. The degrees and ceremonies are as beautiful, and their teachings as well worth preserving as any in Masonry, and Cryptic Masonry only needs to be placed upon its own merits, and then let alone, to secure proper appreciation."

"So mote it be."

There are forty-one subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 1,765.

M.·. P.·. HENRY W. MORDHURST was elected Grand Master, and Comp. JOHN M. BRAMWELL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

From this jurisdiction we have received only a circular and a few pages of the Report on Correspondence, containing a kindly review of the proceedings of the Grand Council of California for 1887. From the circular we learn that the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Illinois was held in the city of Chicago on the twenty-sixth day of October, 1887, at which time the Grand Master, in his Address, called the attention of the Grand Council to the policy and attitude of the General Grand Council on the question of "healing" those companions made in Royal Arch Chapters, under the "Mississippi Plan." The matter was referred to a special committee of five, the gist of whose report is included in the following words:—

"We desire to induce the General Grand Council to recede from the narrow position it has assumed, so that we may all work and act in harmony, and the Rite in the United States be built up and assume the position we think it deserves. For we believe that without harmonious and energetic work the Cryptic Rite in these United States will soon be a thing of the past. In connection with our duties as presented by the resolution of appointment, we wish here to state the leading facts necessary to a knowledge of the situation of Royal and Select Masters in Illinois.

"Our Grand Council was organized in 1853 and duly recognized by all other Grand Councils in the United States. We have continued to hold meetings annually from that time. Our authority to control the degrees in this State has never been questioned. In 1877 we made a treaty with the Grand Chapter to concede to them the right of conferring these degrees, in a Council of Royal and Select Masters, to be opened by companions already in possession of said degrees, under the care of the subordinate Chapters that would undertake it. No change was made in the O. B. and all were duly bound to loyalty to the subordinate Council and to any Grand Council under whose jurisdiction they may hereafter reside. The Grand Chapter accepted the trust, and annually reported to the Grand Council their doings. In the year 1882, by

mutual action and in full harmony, this treaty was terminated and our subordinates again entrusted with the work; many who had received the degrees under the operation of the treaty at once joined the subordinates; a unanimous ballot was all that was required. Many more still occupy the position of unaffiliates, but we hope to receive them all, if found worthy. It will be seen from this, that all that ever has, or ever will be of Cryptic Masonry, in Illinois, is in our hands. No other Council can ever be formed here that would not at once be pronounced "clandestine." Our Grand Chapter would, at once, forbid any of its members from joining any such body. What Cryptic Masonry we have, we hope and expect to hold. So far as the General Grand Council is concerned, we have no quarrel with it. For the present we shall undoubtedly be content with the management of our own affairs. We hope to occupy the same position relative to the General Grand Council as the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia now occupy in relation to the General Grand Chapter. Recognized by other Grand Councils, as their Grand Chapters are by all other Grand Chapters and by the General Grand Chapter, notwithstanding that the first mentioned used to confer the Royal Arch in a Masters' Lodge.

"Will you please lay this matter before your Grand Council at it next Assembly, and make known the desire of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Illinois, that it join with us, by resolution or otherwise in the same?

"JOHN M. PEARSON,
"JOHN C. SMITH,
"G. W. WARVELLE,
"L. R. JEROME, M. D.,
"N. BOWDITCH,
} *Committee.*

This is a matter which the General Grand Council alone can regulate, and, in our opinion, it would have been in better taste if our Illinois Companions had addressed their appeal to that Body rather than to the State Grand Councils. The General Grand Council is the Sovereign and Governing Body of the Cryptic Rite, and its Constitution and edicts can only be amended or revoked by its own action. In 1883, the General Grand Master issued a circular, from which the following is an extract:—

"The General Grand Council has determined that none can be recognized as Royal and Select Masters who are not made in a regular Council; an appeal has been made, on the score of Masonic courtesy, for the recognition of those made in Chapters, but they can no more be recognized than Royal Arch Masons made in a Master's Lodge can be. It is settled, so that it is not even a matter for discussion, that the General Grand Council and its constituents cannot now or hereafter recognize as regular Royal and Select Masters any of those made under the 'Mississippi Plan;' it is a matter of principle, and not a question of courtesy.'

"Section 14 of the Constitution of the General Grand Council is as follows:—

"SEC. 14. Every Council of Royal and Select Masters must have a charter or dispensation from the General Grand Council, or from some Grand Council working independently of any other branch of Masonry, and no Council shall be deemed legal without such dispensation or charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Council or any member of it, and any Council or Assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden without such charter, or any person assumed to be received or greeted therein."

Until the Constitution is amended, we see no remedy for the victims of the "Mississippi Plan" but to come to the healing fountain and have their disabilities washed away. We always go well "heeled" ourself, so we warn the reporter for Illinois not to "come back" at us on this question or there'll be trouble.

In his review of California, for 1887, the reporter says:—

"The Committee on Grand Masters' Address approved of that officer's remarks on making the Council degrees prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, and suggested 'that this matter be continually agitated by this *M.·. P.·.* Grand Council.'

"Isn't 'Most Puissant' putting it a *leetle* strong for the smallest body of York Masonry? Let's climb down nearer to the 'level'—what say you CASWELL?

"About the prerequisite idea. We don't like it, and should vote against it. Yet we have nothing like a strong opposition."

Personally, we climbed down to the lower level long ago; but Grand Masters and committees must have something to talk about, you know. *Verb. sat sap.*

Why can't Illinois publish and send out her proceedings in a decent and Christian-like manner, so that a fellow will know what to say about her? We get a circular and a few loose pages, and that is all we know about Illinois. What's the matter with that Grand Recorder, anyhow?

KANSAS.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Topeka on the sixteenth day of February, 1886,—the *Ill.·.* WILLIAM D. THOMPSON, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, Comp. JOHN H. BROWN being Grand Recorder. Six subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master was not present during the session, nor did he furnish any report of his doings during his term of office. The Deputy Grand Master reported verbally that he had performed no official act worthy of notice.

The Grand Treasurer was comfortably fixed to the tune of $251 90.

The Committee on Grievances were not grieved by any unpleasant call upon their harmonizing qualities; Finance, all right; Jurisprudence, nothing to do; Correspondence hadn't been able to do it up *Brown.* No legislation of interest; officers elected; *finis.*

The Annual Assembly for 1887 convened in the city of Atchison on the fifteenth day of February, 1887,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM D. THOMPSON, Grand Master, presiding, the *Ill.·.* JOHN H. BROWN being Grand Recorder. Eight subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is a good business-like paper, and shows that the duties of his office were well performed. He reports a very satisfactory condition of the subordinate Councils, and issued dispensations for the formation of two new ones during the year. He announced the death of Past Grand Chaplain Rev. J. J. THOMPSON, and paid a fraternal tribute to his memory. One Council received its Charter and one had its charter arrested.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance of $328 40 in the treasury.

The Committees on Jurisprudence and Grievances were again in the vocative, as was also the Committee on Correspondence. Comp. BROWN is growing old and feeble; too feeble, in fact, to foot up his column of Returns of Subordinates, but by dint of abstruse calculation we are enabled to arrive at the conclusion that there are ten subordinate Councils borne upon the roll, having a total membership of 341.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE W. PORT was elected Grand Master, and the *Ill.·.* JOHN H. BROWN was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Council met in Annual Assembly in the city of Louisville on the seventeenth day of October, 1887,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES H. FISK, Grand Master, presiding, the *Ill.·.* LORENZO DOW CRONINGER being Grand Recorder. Fourteen subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is principally confined to local matters, and from it we infer that while Cryptic Masonry in Kentucky has made no decided advance, it has lost no ground. One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Council. Under the head of "General Grand Council," the Grand Master says:—

I have ever been, as you know, an enthusiast with reference to the Cryptic Rite, and jealous of the jurisdiction of the Councils over the degrees of the same. As you are aware, I was opposed to the merger of these degrees with the Chapter, and when the matter was being mooted my voice was ever for the resuscitation of the Grand and Subordinate Councils as sovereign authority and entities. Having been made a Royal and Select Master in a regular Council I could not see my way clear, when High Priest of my Chapter, to the right of the Chapter Body to confer these degrees. Consequently during my term of office as High Priest the Council degrees were not conferred in my Chapter. In this view I did not stand alone. For four years, during which the merger was in existence in Kentucky, Cryptic Masonry neither thrived nor flourished. In some Chapters no Royal and Select Masters could be made because the High Priest did not himself have the degrees. In some instances, perhaps, the choice of the Chapter for High Priest could not be asserted by reason of the ineligibility of the preferred one, because he chanced not to be a Royal and Select Master. I fear the experiment was fraught with much mischief and was detrimental in a very great degree to the best interests of Cryptic Masonry. The death knell of many formerly prosperous and influential Councils was struck, and I regret to say, that no trumpet has yet been sounded which has been able to recall them into activity and being.

"After careful examination into the matter and much study and reflection upon the subject, I am constrained to recommend to this Grand Council that it unite with, and enroll itself as a constituent of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

"I believe the stability of Masonic Institutions depends largely upon the union and co-operation of all legitimate Bodies of the same Rite."

The very sensible recommendation of the Grand Master was referred to a special committee of three, with instructions to report at the next Annual Assembly.

He speaks in glowing terms of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, and appeals to his companions for an increased endowment, to enable it to extend its beneficent work.

He announced in appropriate terms the death of *Ill.* Comp. GARRETT DAVIS BUCKNER, Grand Steward of the Grand Council, and paid a fraternal tribute to his memory.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $48 90.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. HENRY B. GRANT was elected Grand Master, and, upon assuming the chair, delivered an able, practical and comprehensive address, in which he pointed out the causes that has led to the extreme apathy that now exists in the Cryptic Rite, suggests the remedy and makes many practical and valuable suggestions, some of which were promptly adopted and others were laid over for consideration until the next Annual Assembly.

We trust that in our next report we may be able to count the Grand Council of Kentucky among the constituents of the General Grand Council.

Several amendments to the Constitution were adopted, among which we are pleased to find the following:—

"Any officer of a Council may tender his resignation, and if the same is accepted by his Council and approved by the Grand Master, the latter shall issue a dispensation and fix the time for an election to fill the vacancy, of which the Recorder shall duly notify all resident members of the Council. If, in filling such vacancy, another be made, it may be filled at the same meeting. The Recorder shall *immediately* report to the Grand Recorder the names of the officers elect."

This sustains the theory for which we have always contended, viz: That an installed officer may at any time resign his position for good and sufficient reasons.

An excellent Report on Correspondence was submitted by *Ill.*'. Comp. HENRY B. GRANT, now Grand Master, in which California for 1887 receives fraternal notice. In his opening remarks he says:—

"The following inspired lines may give some idea of our *pheelings* in attempting to *tackle* the Report on Correspondence this year. It was ground out in a dejected mood while we were preparing editorial for the '*Masonic Home Journal*,' and rejoices in the euphonious title of

"OUR EDITOR'S WAIL OF DISTRESS.

"Oh ever thus from that dread hour,
When we with pencil made assay
To write our best—some wretch or power
Would steal our finest thoughts away.

"We never wrote in gentlest strain,
With pleasant joke and accent mild,
But when we heard from it again,
'Twas 'bitter undercurrent'* wild!

"We never took a tilt or 'mill'
But lo! about our head and ears
Some other man with tongue or quill
Would hurl a thousand 'poohs' or sneers.

"We never wrote within the range
Of things mysterious or dark—
Or bright and good, but some 'exchange'
Would copy without 'credit' mark.

"We're cursed because we don't, or do;
Because we write what we may think—
Or give some other people's view;
Because we're temperate, or drink!

"Who then would envy our poor lot?
Our income or our 'chair' would take?
Where is the idiot or blot?
Bind him for torture at the stake."

We regret that Comp. GRANT is not in accord with his illustrious predecessor in the matter of the General Grand Council, but are comforted by the assurance that

"While the lamp holds out to burn,
The vilest sinner may return."

There are thirteen subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, returns from eleven of which place the membership at 534; a loss of nine during the year.

Comp. LORENZO DOW CRONINGER still holds the fort as Grand Recorder.

*A review written in our jolliest mood last year was condemned for having "an undercurrent of bitterness."

LOUISIANA.

The thirty-third Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of New Orleans on the sixteenth day of February, 1888,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE J. PINCKARD, Grand Master, presiding, Comp. RICHARD LAMBERT being Grand Recorder.

The following extract from the Address of the Grand Master, with the subsequent action thereon, has been forwarded to us, which we print entire :—

"Extract from the Address of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, GEORGE J. PINCKARD, at thirty-third Assembly :—

"At the present time nearly all of the Grand Councils that merged with the Grand Chapters have receded and reformed Grand Councils. Some have become members of the General Body, and the unification of the Rite has once more become assured.

"Nevertheless, I regret to say in some instances there still lingers a disposition to retard the progress being made in this direction.

"This spirit appears to prevail pre-eminently in the State of Illinois, if we may judge from the tone of a circular which has been received by our Grand Recorder, bearing date the fifth of November, 1887, in which exceptions are taken to the several Grand Councils, requiring the healing or re-obligating of the Chapter made material, before they will recognize such as legitimate Royal and Select Masters. * * * *

"I am not quite certain if the circular was meant for us, seeing that this Grand Council is one of the constituents of the General Body, but assuming that it was intended for your action, and without any remarks tending to influence your conclusions on the subject to which it refers, I suggest it be referred to a special committee of three, with instructions to report during the session.

"On motion, this portion of the Address, with the circular referred to, was referred to a special committee of three, who, subsequently, submitted the following report :—

"*To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Louisiana:*

"Your special committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address referring to the Grand Council of Illinois, and the circular alluded to therein, respectfully submit :—

"They have examined the circular, and are equally at a loss with the Grand Master to understand if it was meant for this or any other member of the General Grand Council. Assuming that it was, however, intended for our action, or that it would not have been sent, we have given it our due attention.

"Its main purport appears to be the expression of an unqualified objection to the process of healing its Chapter-made Royal and Select Masters; and, further, to band together those Grand Councils, which it states to be twelve in number, not members of the General Grand Council, in a clique or association with it, in order to enforce its own particular views on this Rite at large.

"How far this attempt may prove successful we are not, of course, able to say, but to suppose that such Grand Councils as Michigan and Pennsylvania would enter into the scheme is to suppose them capable of reversing their own views and laws upon this subject. Others, no doubt, have passed upon this subject, and would be placed in precisely the same predicament.

"In regard to ourselves setting aside the General Grand Council, we have only to quote our law still existing, and passed to meet similar emergencies many years ago in regard to Texas. We quote :

"NEW ORLEANS, February 14th, 1867.

"*Ill.·.* Comp. JOSEPH P. HORNOR offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted :—

"WHEREAS, The Grand Council of the State of Texas has seen fit to abandon her organization, to renounce her jurisdiction over Cryptic Masonry in that State, and to attempt to transfer that jurisdiction to the Grand Chapter ; and,

"WHEREAS, This Grand Council cannot, in consistency with her own organization, recognize or tolerate such proceedings ; be it therefore

"*Resolved*, That the constituent Councils and Companions of this Grand Council be and are hereby forbidden to recognize or receive any Royal and Select Master hailing from the State of Texas who acknowledges the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of that State over Cryptic Masonry unless he should be first healed.

"*Resolved*, That the same rule shall apply to any other jurisdiction where the same state of facts prevail.

"Again, in 1880, report of Committee on Grand Master's Address :—

"NEW ORLEANS, February 12th, 1880.

"Your committee are of opinion that Royal and Select Masters who were members of Councils which have abolished themselves by uniting with, or merging themselves into, Royal Arch Chapters cannot be recognized by us as Royal and Select Masters. We can recognize no one unless he is a member of some Council under the jurisdiction of a Grand Council recognized by us as legitimate and regular.

"Fraternally submitted.

"J. Q. A. FELLOWS,
"SAMUEL M. TODD
"HUGH BREEN.

"The Grand Council of Illinois claims that it never disbanded, that it was organized in 1853, and has continued to hold meetings annually from that time.

"We are cognizant of the claim, but do not admit its validity, but that it abandoned its work is an historical fact ; that many so-called Royal and Select Masters were made in Royal Arch Chapters it admits *per se*. They, however, claim the right to commission the Chapter *to do their work*. We cannot admit any such claim. If they have the right to commission the Chapter, why not the Lodge ?

"Our law is, however, conclusive upon the subject, so far as this jurisdiction is concerned, and no further action appears to be necessary, except that a copy of this report be transmitted to the Grand Master of Illinois.

"Respectfully submitted.

"H. BREEN,
"J. H. CLARKE,
"SAMUEL M. TODD."

The position taken by the committee is undoubtedly correct, and in accordance with the Constitution and Edicts of the General Grand Council.

With the exception of the foregoing, no further proceedings of the Grand Council of Louisiana have come to hand.

MAINE.

This Grand Council held its thirty-third Annual Assembly in the city of Portland on the fourth day of May, 1887,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES W. HANEY, Grand Master, presiding, Comp. IRA BERRY being Grand Recorder. Twelve subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his Address, refers in appropriate terms to the death of one of the "Fathers of Masonry in Maine," *Ill.·.* Comp. ELIJAH SMITH, who laid down the burden of life at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. He had held many high positions in Masonry, "and only the infirmities of age prevented his attendance in later years upon the meetings of the Bodies which so often had honored him, and which he, too, honored and loved." The remainder of the Address is devoted to a recital of the Grand Master's official acts and to matters of local interest.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the treasury of $216.78.

Comp. DRUMMOND submitted a brief Report on Correspondence, in which California for 1886 receives kindly and fraternal notice. In conclusion, he says :—

"We intended this year to give a table of statistics, but lack of time and especially lack of material prevents. Why will not each Grand Recorder give the statistics of his Grand Council and a recapitulation of them?

"The Rite is growing. We have given a statement of the work in every Grand Council when practicable. and it will be seen that in the large majority of the jurisdictions there has been an increase, small it may be, but still an increase.

"In several jurisdictions there has been a decline; but in every instance, except in Pennsylvania, the decline *is not confined to this Rite.* The decline has been in common with a decline in the other branches of Masonry, and largely in consequence of that decline. In those jurisdictions where Masonry has grown or even held its own, the Rite has done the same.

"We regret that we have not received the proceedings of the General Grand Council. That Body has saved the Rite, and if the few Grand Councils which now stand out will wheel into line, and thus enable us to unify the Rite, its growth and prosperity will be assured. We cannot understand, what seems to us, the short-sighted policy of those Grand Councils which are not willing to yield a little of their independence for the general good. 'In union there is strength,' is very *trite*, but also very *true*. The Grand Councils, which are out, doubly retard the progress of the General Grand Council in building up the Rite; their influence is not only not added to that of the General Grand Council, but is in opposition to it. Let us hope that wiser counsels may prevail."

There are thirteen subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 1,031.

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS.

This Grand Council held its Annual Assembly in the city of Boston on the fourteenth day of December, 1887,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* SERANUS BROWN, Grand Master, presiding, Comp. ALFRED CHAPMAN being Grand Recorder. Seventeen subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's Address is a good practical paper, and gives evidence of an able and zealous officer. He says:—

"Nearly all the Councils in the jurisdiction have been visited and some of them several times, and it is with much satisfaction that I report that there has been a marked improvement in the quality of the work since my term of service began, and as a direct consequence, there has been an increased amount of prosperity in the subordinate Councils. Taking the Councils as a whole, the last year has been the most prosperous one in the history of Cryptic Masonry in Massachusetts.

"Many of the Councils have been perfecting themselves in the ritual, and have also procured new and appropriate paraphernalia, and in these the degrees have been conferred in such an efficient manner that the Council easily takes the position to which it is justly entitled in the American Rite. This is infinitely better than lamenting because these degrees are not prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, for we must of necessity deal with the case exactly as it is, and not as some would like to have it. It is by no means certain that if this were done it would be of lasting benefit to the Rite. Possessed as we are of three degrees that are beautiful in themselves, and when rendered with the care, study and good taste, which ought to be exercised in their presentation, we can well afford to stand on our own merits, and justly claim that no companion who really cares for Masonry can afford to pass them by."

He complains of the neglect of several of the Councils to make returns, and suggests that a change of Recorders would be advisable.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $596.43.

The Illinois protest was referred to a special committee of three Past Grand Masters.

No legislation of general interest was had.

Comp. DADMUN is again to the front with an excellent Report on Correspondence on the *multum in parvo* style. In his reports we always prefer the *multum* to the *parvo*, and want lots of it, too. Following is what he says of California proceedings of 1887 :—

"This Grand Council is steadily growing, and will continue to grow if it continues to be manned with a corps of officers equal to the present. *M.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES LORD FIELD personally visited six of the nine Councils in the jurisdiction. The visitations of the Grand Officers will do more to build up the Cryptic Rite than anything else, not excepting the services of a Grand Lecturer. The Annual Address is excellent, and the status of the Craft exceptionally good. Total number of members, 874; net increase, 22.

"Comp. CASWELL is fully up to his standard of excellence as a Reporter; and in the *spirit* of it, too. Massachusetts receives kindly notice. Grand Master BOWEN is commended as 'the right man in the right place.' But 'what has become of Comp. DADMUN?' he asks. Well, here we are, but we are going to 'draw it mildly' this year, and see how it takes. When the 'merger' was started we just 'spread ourself,' and predicted that it would end just where it is ending. And as we saw each jurisdiction must determine that question for itself, we just sat back in our easy chair, and occasionally heard 'something drop.' Now we feel just like helping pick up the fragments, if any be left, in the ruined jurisdictions. Those of us who kept out of that 'scrape' can afford to be generous.

"The death of the Grand Treasurer, Comp. DAVID WHITE LAIRD, was feelingly and appropriately announced."

There is much in the report that we would gladly comment upon, but it would require more space than we have at our command.

There are twenty-two subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 2,979.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* DANIEL W. JONES was elected Grand Master, and Comp. ALFRED CHAPMAN was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

This Grand Council held its eighteenth Annual Assembly in the city of St. Paul on the tenth day of October, 1887,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN R. CAREY, Grand Master, presiding, Comp. WILLIAM CHENEY being Grand Recorder. Six subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief but to the point, giving a good account of his stewardship. He says :—

"It would please me very much if I could present you with a report of a more rapid growth of the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction during the past year. Yet I am pleased to say that we have had a reasonable activity among our companions of subordinate Councils to promote their growth and prosperity; and while there have been no dispensations granted for the formation of new Councils, yet those now in existence have added forty-two to their membership. Annual reports are before us from all of them, showing that some, at least, are doing their fair share in promoting their prosperity.

"While the growth of Cryptic Masonry has not heretofore been as rapid as some of the other Masonic bodies, yet among the best lovers of Masonry it has had, and is having, a living and conservative growth. And with the renewed efforts of its friends and supporters, I have an abiding faith and hope that all lovers of the General Masonic Order may soon be induced to give their best

efforts to the full and legitimate diffusion of the sublime, beautiful, and true Masonic principles illustrated in the Cryptic degrees."

The Grand Treasurer reports cash on hand, $242.15.

The Committees on Jurisprudence and Grievances reported a holiday in their respective departments, a most excruciating degree of harmony prevailing all along the line.

Ill.·. Comp. GEORGE W. COOLEY briefly reviewed the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, including those of the General Grand Council for 1886. California for 1887 is kindly noticed. In conclusion, he says:—

"Perhaps the companions in other jurisdictions have, like ourselves, been heavily pressed with business, and so have had little time for the interchange of Cryptic thought. Of one thing we are satisfied, however, that the Cryptic Rite was never in better condition. All are doing well and all are satisfied. *So mote it be.*"

The *M.*·. *Ill.*·. A. Z. SEVERING was elected Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM CHENEY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The twenty-second Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of St. Louis on the eleventh day of May, 1887,—the *M.*·. *Ill.*·. WILLIAM A. LORD, Grand Master, presiding, Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO being Grand Recorder. Five subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master delivered a good, business-like Address, full of encouragement and good counsel. He made the following rulings:—

"Is it competent for a Council to suspend a member for non-payment of dues, who is under suspension by Lodge or Chapter for same offense? I decided that it was; because the offenses were different. In the one case it is an offense against the Lodge or Chapter, which, by virtue of general Masonic regulation, works suspension in the Council. If the member is in arrears to the Council, his offense is specifically against the by-laws of the Council, which, by virtue of its own 'anima,' it has power to punish.

"A quorum in a Council consists of nine members. Nine members must be present for any business requiring action by the Council. But for the sole purposes of opening and closing a Council and conferring degrees, nine Select Masters, including one competent to preside, constitute the requisite quorum."

After stating the condition of the subordinate Councils, he says:—

"In the light of these facts, I trust you will not judge me 'stark mad' if I differ from the sentiments and views of my predecessors in office for several years past, and do not view Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction as 'the sick man' needing powders and lotions, pills and potions, pillows and props. Why, the Order is but a young man, and we are here to celebrate his twenty-second birthday. I admit he has not had a very good start in life, but because he was not as stalwart as some of his brothers, and could not keep up in the race of life, in an ill-advised moment some have said you must lay hold on your brother 'knight' and demand that he assist you. In the nature of things, is it wonderful that the 'knight, erect in all the strength of manhood and pride of beauty,' spurned and disowned him, so weak and unpromising? Then the cry came from numerous lugubrious friends. Well, young man, if your brother knight will not help you, it's of no use; you had better give up; sell your birthright and take refuge in the Chapter. It surely cannot refuse you shelter and bed for the short period of your existence, if you give up your inheritance. But not to carry the simile further, the 'Mississippi plan' did not work; and I feel I am very near the truth when I say that, since it has become an accepted fact that the Council must exist by its own forces and

powers, it has slowly begun to improve. The growth of the past Masonic year seems to me more healthful, permanent, and promising than for some years in the past. Our work is esoteric, and must begin within and work out."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on the right side of the ledger of $457.49.

One hundred dollars was donated to the Masonic Home. There was no legislation calling for comment or criticism, and no Report on Correspondence.

There are nine subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 354.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM H. STANSBURY was elected Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The twenty-sixth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Concord on the sixteenth day of May, 1887,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* ELLIOT B. HODGE, Grand Master, presiding, Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES being Grand Recorder. Nine subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his Address, says:—

"Another year of prosperity has been vouchsafed to our beloved fraternity, and I congratulate you on the favorable condition of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction.

"The financial condition of this Grand Council is in a sound and healthy condition, and the subordinate Councils, with two exceptions, are doing more than an average amount of work; and the work is now being done in strict conformity to the requirements of the Grand Council.

"Within our own Order peace and harmony prevail. Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions are friendly, and the general condition of the Order is such as to inspire us with high hopes for the future.

"Brotherly love prevails throughout our jurisdiction, and I have not been called upon to decide a single case of grievance during the year, and I do not know of any matters of appeal to come before this Grand Council."

He announced the death of Past Grand Master MOSES OSGOOD PEARSON, and pays a fraternal tribute to his memory.

He granted one dispensation for the formation of a new Council.

From the reports of the visiting Grand Officers, we judge that the subordinate Councils are in a fairly prosperous condition, and a commendable degree of interest is manifested in the Order.

The finances of this Grand Council are in a sound condition, the balance on hand being $403.52.

The Council under dispensation was granted a charter.

A very good Report on Correspondence was submitted by the Grand Recorder, Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, in which the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils are briefly reviewed. California for 1886 receives fraternal notice. He thinks the condition of the Rite is improving, and that more interest is being taken in it throughout the country.

There are ten subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 955.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* WALDO A. RUSSELL was elected Grand Master, and Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

This Grand Council held its thirtieth Annual Assembly in the city of Trenton on the twenty-fourth day of January, 1888,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* JAMES B. SMALL, Grand Master, presiding, Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL being Grand Recorder. Seven subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master delivered a scholarly Address, from which we extract the following :—

"There seems to be a stagnation in Cryptic Masonry, that is to me not only a source of regret but surprise. Our forms and ceremonies are habilitated with beautiful and instructive allegories, attractive to the mental and physical perceptions, and still they fail to command the position and interest their intrinsic merit entitles them to. Can it be that the Masonic mind is satiated in the preceding degrees, and seeks for rest instead of delving deeper into the recesses of Masonic research, or is it the lack of enthusiasm upon the part of those who are within the fold, who fail to dispense Masonic light and knowledge? Whatever the cause may be, it should be the earnest work of those who have the welfare of Cryptic Masonry at heart to discover it, and when discovered, as earnestly labor to remove it.

"The returns for the year do not furnish us with material for congratulation upon our increase and improvement, either numerically or financially. From the reports of the Grand Lodge we find that over six hundred received Masonic light in the Lodges of this jurisdiction, and over one hundred sought further light and availed themselves of Capitular privileges. About one-fifth of the last number penetrated the secret vault and were greeted as Select Masters. Surely, companions, there is an ample field for labor, and, though peace reigns among us, is it not proper to ask whether it is the peace engendered by lack of vitality and interest, the peace of gradual dissolution? Better a thousand times that strife and dissensions should rise in our midst if they would create interest and advancement and a realizing sense of our condition, than peace at such a price."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of $94 on hand.

We trust an effort will be made to revive the waning interest in the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction.

No legislation of general interest was had, and there is no Report on Correspondence.

Five subordinate Councils made returns, reporting a total membership of 338.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* GILBERT B. STACK was elected Grand Master, and Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

This Grand Council convened in Annual Assembly in the city of New York on the sixth day of September, 1887,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN W. COBURN, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE VAN VLIET being Grand Recorder. Twenty-three subordinate Councils were represented, and the duly accredited Representatives of eighteen Grand Councils were present, our own Representative, Comp. THOMAS GLIDDON, being of the number.

The Grand Master welcomed the Representatives, and tendered, through them to the several Grand Councils which they represented, the greetings of the Grand Council of New York.

The Address of the Grand Master is principally confined to matters of local interest and to the recital of his official acts. He reported the following decision :—

"Upon the fact of the expulsion of a companion Royal and Select Master by his Lodge being brought to the notice of his Council, an investigation of the case should be ordered, and when the time of appeal to the proper authorities shall have elapsed without a reversal of the judgment of the Lodge, charges should be preferred and acted upon against the companion in his Council."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $155.12.

An exellent Report on Correspondence was submitted by Comp. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, one of the ablest and most genial writers in the reportorial guild. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils in thorough and fraternal manner, including those of California for 1887. It is the champion report of the season, and the reader is well repaid for the time spent in its perusal. In opening, he says:—

"Your Committee on Correspondence would again respectfully report that they have reviewed the proceedings of such of our sister Grand Councils as have furnished us, but we regret to say that we have found many delinquent in forwarding to us so that we could make a proper review of the 'ways and works' of those who are our brethren and kin; and we must ask those who may find their accustomed place vacant to remember that it is not the fault of your committee, as we have personally sent to every State whose proceedings were lacking, to be supplied with a copy, but for some unaccountable reason (unless it be pure neglect) have failed in being supplied. It is a little too much to wait for these proceedings and hold off our own proceedings from publication, and not even then get an answer to a letter sent. For our part, we have about made up our mind that hereafter if our sister bodies do not furnish promptly the necessary information to enable us to do our duty in the premises, we will let them go unreported. The writer has taken a pride in making up these reports in years past in such a manner as to include every jurisdiction; but we find that to do so we have to write and re-write, sometimes two or three times, before we can get an answer. It makes us tired, and we feel that we have reason to complain of it.

"The past year has been a quiet one in the several branches of Masonry, but we do not see that our branch has reason to complain of it as much as some others. There is a good deal to encourage, but little to discourage. The Rite is advancing, as will be seen by the reports from the jurisdictions that we present to you now."

His review of California is most kindly and fraternal, and he has our thanks for the pleasant words written of us. He thinks Past Grand Master FIELD is a good field to cultivate, and we concur.

Under the head of "Illinois" he quotes the non-intercourse resolution of that Grand Council, and says:—

"This resolution may mean a good deal, and again it may not. We have been carefully looking over the proceedings of our sister Grand Councils to see if we could see anything that looked like an intention on the part of any to infringe upon the rights and privileges of our Illinois companions, but have not found the one at whom this resolution is aimed, for it must be pointed at some mark; we cannot think that this Grand Body would adopt such a resolution for 'buncombe'—it would be belittling itself if such were the case. If there was a reason for it, let us know what it was, and you will find that true companionship will deliberate, negotiate, and hesitate long before adopting such an ultra course as is suggested, until it is seen that there was no reason for it, and that the offending party is not in a mood to make the necessary amendment.

"Many years ago there was a query going about the country of supposed considerable importance, but we believe it has not been solved yet; it may, perhaps, in time be discovered by the wisdom of those who come after us.

The query was, 'Who struck BILLY PATTERSON?' It is said that one venturesome person, spoiling for a fight, untruthfully responded to the questioner, 'I did;' but to his disappointment he was greeted with the answer, 'Sure now, an' ye did it finely.' May the result be as harmless in the after life of this 'resolution.'"

In his review of Kentucky he gives the blue-grass companions some good advice. He says:—

"Companions, just come in and try the experiment of working hand in hand as a constituent of the General Grand Council with the rest of us, and see if it does not afford an impetus to the progress of the Rite in Kentucky which it has given to the sister jurisdictions spoken of by your Grand Master. We find no fault (we have no right to) with the fact that the Grand Council of Kentucky is independent, but we believe that its interests would be advanced by union with the large majority of its sisters in a constituency to the General Grand Council."

We join in the invitation.

We would gladly quote much more from this admirable report, but can only find room for his conclusion, in which he says:—

"While we confess we are not satisfied with our review, from the fact that we have been put to so much trouble in obtaining the material therefor, we are satisfied with the condition of the Cryptic Rite as exhibited by the reports from the several jurisdictions.

"The advancement and progress in many of the States, considering the adverse elements for the last decade, has been most marked, and betokens its early occupation of its position in the Masonic World, to which it is, by its intrinsic merits, entitled.

"From every side and from every source comes words of encouragement and cheer, of anticipation and of practicable results.

"Why should we then hesitate in pushing forward and work to that completion of the Temple, which has been our aim from the commencement?

"Let us with renewed courage, faith and strength, move forward with a determination that success shall be ours and the victory will be won."

"So mote it be."

There are twenty-four subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, numbers not given.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN L. BROTHERS was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE VAN VLIET was re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

This Grand Council held its fifty-seventh Annual Assembly in the city of Steubenville on the fifth day of October, 1887,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* D. C. WINEGARNER, Grand Master, presiding, Comp. JOHN D. CALDWELL being Grand Recorder. Forty-six subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master renders an able and most satisfactory account of his stewardship during his term. His zealous care for the welfare of the Councils under his charge is worthy of all praise. Four dormant Councils were resuscitated by his efforts, and it is hoped that several others will yet be revived as the result of his able administration.

Of the condition of the Order, he says:—

"The growth and prosperity of Cryptic Masonry during the past year, in this Grand Jurisdiction, has been very satisfactory. Peace and harmony have prevailed within our borders, and I can congratulate you on the healthy and growing condition of our Order.

"There have been advanced during the past year 237 companions, against 197 in 1886.

"The system of visitations, inaugurated a few years since, has resulted in awakening renewed interest in those Councils which before were alive and active in the work in resuscitating many Councils which were dormant and lifeless, and in weeding out those which for years had existed only in name; and with the exception of a few Councils, which we are still nursing with a hope of getting them to work again, our roll of Councils now embraces only active, working Bodies. While I do not think it advisable to continue a general system of visitations, I think it would be well to provide for visitations to such subordinate Councils as the Grand Master may think would be profited thereby."

The charters of several Councils that were hopelessly dead were revoked.

He reported the following decisions:—

"With but few exceptions the questions submitted to me for decision have been answered by reference to the Constitution or By-Laws of the Grand Council.

"The following I submit for your consideration and judgment:—

"1st. 'Is the number necessary for the transaction of business in a Council nine?'

"Answer. It requires nine Select Masters to be present before a Council can be opened, and it requires nine members of the Council to be present for the transaction of any business.

"2d. 'Has our Council authority to confer the Council degrees on one living in West Virginia, provided he is a member of our Chapter?'

"Answer. The fact of a companion, living in another jurisdiction, being a member of your Chapter does not give you jurisdiction over him.

"3d. 'There is a R. A. M., a member of our Chapter, who has a certificate of having received the Degrees of Royal and Select Master under the Chapter organization in Wheeling, West Virginia. He desires to become a member of our Council. What course shall we pursue?'

"Answer. If the companion holds a dimit from said Chapter, showing him to have been in good standing, you will pursue the same course as in the case of a companion petitioning for membership, with a dimit from any other jurisdiction. The latest legislation on this subject by the Grand Council was at the Annual Assembly in 1884. (See Proceedings, pages 47 and 48.)

"In rendering the above decision I labored under no small degree of embarrassment, and I made it with a determination to lay before you the nature of the difficulties by which I was surrounded.

"At the Annual Assembly of this Grand Council in 1884, the following statement of a case and question were submitted, viz.: 'There is in this Grand Council Jurisdiction a companion who received the Council degrees from a Chapter in Texas. He holds a dimit therefrom, and wishes to know what course to pursue to attain Council membership in Ohio.'

"This was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which committee, after deliberation, made the following report:—

"'Your committee are of opinion that whenever a Council is satisfied that a petitioner for membership has received the Council degrees in a legal manner, and holds a dimit showing him to have been in good standing in the Body having jurisdiction over the Council degrees of which he was last a member, and by ballot is found worthy, he is entitled to admission into a Council in Ohio.'

"The above report was adopted, and the very next action of the Grand Council was the adoption, by a vote of 42 to 2, of an amendment to Article I, Section 3, of the Constitution, which made the section read as follows:—

"'The Grand Council shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several subordinate Councils in this State, subject, however, to the Constitution, Rules, By-Laws and decisions of the General Grand Council of the United States, to which this Grand Council is subordinate, and shall be invested

with power to assign their limits, prescribe the fees for admission, and settle all controversies that may arise between them,' etc., etc.

"This action placed us squarely under the government of the General Grand Council, and subject to its Constitution. Now, Section 14 of the Constitution of the General Grand Council reads as follows:—

"'Every Council of Royal and Select Masters must have a charter or dispensation from the General Grand Council, or from some Grand Council working independently of any other branch of Masonry, and no Council shall be deemed legal without such dispensation or charter, and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Council or any member of it, and any Council or Assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened, or holden without such charter, or any person assumed to be received or greeted therein.'

"From the above it will be seen that our legislation in 1884, in adopting that part of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence having reference to the companion who received the Cryptic Degrees in a Chapter in Texas, is in direct conflict with Section 14 of the Constitution of the General Grand Council, an instrument which the officers of our subordinate Councils are obligated to support. It is hard to serve two masters.

"I recommend that such action be taken by the Grand Council as will remove the difficulties above set forth.

"4th. I have been asked the question several times: 'Should candidates for the Select Degree be obligated to support the General Grand Council of the United States?'

"I could find no action taken upon this subject in regard to candidates by this Grand Council since it became a member of the General Grand Council. In 1884 the obligation of the officers of subordinate Councils, at their installation, was amended so as to include a promise to support the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of the General Grand Council. Being clearly of the opinion that, as this Grand Council is a member of the General Grand Council, an oath of fealty to it should be taken by our candidates, I have, whenever asked, instructed the *T.·. Ill.·.* M. to so obligate them, this instruction, however, being limited to this meeting of the Grand Council. In doing this I have not assumed to amend or change the ritual of which the obligation is a part, but simply to supply an omission until the meeting of the Grand Council, and I would recommend that you take such action as will officially sanction the insertion of this claim in the ritual."

These decisions were approved, and the legislation of 1884, referred to by the Grand Master as in conflict with the Constitution of the General Grand Council, was reversed, and the Constitution of the General Grand Council declared to be law in this jurisdiction relative to that matter.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $710.04. The Committee on Grievances languished in idleness.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That in obligations of candidates, as also in obligations of officers at installation, companions taking such obligations shall swear to support, in addition to rules and edicts of Grand Council of Ohio, also swear to maintain and support those of the General Grand Council of the United States of America."

Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS presented a well written Report on Correspondence, reviewing in an able manner the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, including those of the General Grand Council. California for 1887 is fraternally noticed.

There are fifty-one subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 2,997.

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

OREGON.

The third Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at McMinnville on the first day of February, 1888,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR, Grand Master, presiding, Comp. FRELON J. BABCOCK being Grand Recorder. Three subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is very brief and confined to matters of local interest. Of the condition of the Order he says :—

"Though few in numbers, we feel that the Grand Council of Oregon is composed of the live, active Masons of the jurisdiction, and that Cryptic Masonry in this State has a bright future before it.

"While the many, lured by the tinsel and show of other degrees, pass us by as of little importance, yet the thoughtful and studious find in pursuing their researches that there is 'something wanting,' and turn back to our portals to search for it, and, having gained admission to our secret vault, go away satisfied.

"While a reasonable amount of work has been done during the year, we are confident that more might have been accomplished had our companions been more zealous. There are in Oregon twenty-one Chapters and but three Councils, yet in the three Councils there are representatives from a majority of the Chapters, and to show what zeal will accomplish, I will mention that one of our companions, by calling the attention of the companions of his Chapter to the matters left unexplained in the Royal Arch degree, obtained the petitions of ten companions, nine of whom have regularly penetrated our secret vault. A like interest on the part of our members would double the number of our Councils and membership in a single year. Then, companions, let us be up and doing ; let us convince others of the fact, which we ourselves know, that our degrees are among the most useful and beautiful in Masonry, and that they are worthy of the careful attention of all who are eligible to receive them."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $21.55.

A brief but well-prepared Report on Correspondence was submitted by Comp. WALLACE BALDWIN. Comp. BALDWIN apologizes for the incompleteness of his work, which is altogether unnecessary, as the report is ably written and compares favorably with any before us. California for 1887 is pleasantly and fraternally noticed, and our report of that year is spoken of in complimentary terms, for which we return thanks. In his conclusion, Comp. BALDWIN says :—

"Our task is finished. It has been wrought under difficulties and at such times as we could spare from business cares. We have attempted to notice all proceedings that have reached us. We have derived much pleasure and profit from a perusal of the good things spread out before us therein, but to place them in such shape as to give others the pleasure brought to us, we fear has been beyond our ability. We have commented but little, and have sought to express our own ideas in a way to offend none, and we do not claim infallibility and are open to conviction if we are in error. Wherein we have differed from other reporters, we have taken the position we thought right and for the best interests of the Cryptic Rite. We expect to be criticised and to be disagreed with, and we beg no quarter except a fair and brotherly handling, always promising to hold our views open to conviction of error, and a cheerful reformation when convinced we have gone wrong.

"We love the Cryptic Rite, and all that belongs to Masonry. We have studied all that has fallen in our way bearing on the subject for many years, but we are not gifted by nature or education with the faculty of putting our ideas on paper. Hence our work is rough and unpolished, but we have endeavored to make it sound and substantial, fit for better builders to build

upon, perhaps. With love toward all, and a warm and earnest wish for the upbuilding of the Rite in the future, we say farewell."

We can assure our companion that, so far as we are concerned, we find nothing in his report to criticise adversely, but, on the contrary, much to commend, and trust the companion who succeeds him will be as successful in representing the true interests of the Cryptic Rite.

There are three subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction; number of members not stated.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* SAMUEL BULLOCK was elected Grand Master, and Comp. FRELON J. BABCOCK was re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The forty-first Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Greensburg on the sixteenth day of February, 1887,—the *M.·. P.·.* GEORGE W. KENDRICK, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* CHARLES E. MEYER being Grand Recorder. Ten subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief, and confined to matters of local interest.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows the handsome balance of $1642.53 in the treasury.

The *M.·. P.·.* CHARLES KING FRANCIS was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* CHARLES E. MEYER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The forty-second Annual Assemby was held in the city of Erie on the fifteenth day of February, 1888. Eight subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master delivered an able Address, in which his official acts are given in detail, and an exceedingly interesting historical sketch of the Rite is given. It is entirely too lengthy to be embodied in our report, but we wish all our companions had the opportunity of reading it, as much interesting and valuable information is therein contained.

In conclusion he says:—

"The measure of success to be attained by Cryptic Masonry in Pennsylvania will be determined by the action of the members of the subordinate Councils. Companions, assert and maintain for the degrees of the Council the position to which they are entitled as 'the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry.' Properly represent to worthy Royal Arch Masons the importance of acquiring the degrees of the Council, without which their Masonic education will remain incomplete. Elect competent officers, and support them faithfully. The greatest general cannot win victories unless sustained by brave and faithful soldiers. Even the hands of Moses could not give final triumph to the army of Israel until upheld by Aaron and Hur. Attend regularly the Stated Assemblies of your Councils. Learn the work, and, at every assembly, exemplify one of the degrees, even if there should be no candidate to initiate. Growth is the fruit of work, but without work decay appears, and then comes death.

This is good advice and applies with equal force to every jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer reports the funds in his hands to be $1,618 49.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted a number of amendments to the Constitution, which were adopted. A warrant was granted for the formation of a new Council.

The Grand Master decided that officers re-elected need not be re-installed, and the decision was approved. We dissent.

An able Report on Correspondence was submitted by the Grand Recorder, Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, in which the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils are reviewed, including those of the General Grand Council. California for 1887, is the first to receive his attention, and receives fraternal attention. With reference to the recommendation of Grand Master FIELD, that a Grand Lecturer be employed, he says :—

"In our opinion, while a Grand Lecturer would be a good thing to bring the work to a uniformity, yet we have heard where the Grand Lecturer has been the one to set up a slate to control elections in the Grand Bodies. We believe the Grand Officers themselves are the ones who should do the work for which they were elected. The Grand Council thought as we think, and refused to create the office."

Referring to our report of that year, he says :—

"The Report on Correspondence was from the pen of Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, and he reviews the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Councils, Pennsylvania for 1886 among the number. The review is full, complete and judicious, carefully gleaned and presented in such a manner as to attract attention. He, however, makes one mistake when he says, under the head of General Grand Council, U. S., that 'every Grand Council in the United States was represented' at its late triennial. We are sure there were several absent besides Pennsylvania."

What we meant to say was, that all the Grand Councils holding allegiance to the General Grand Council were represented, which was the fact. Under the head of Illinois, in referring to the non-intercourse resolution, he says :—

"We do not like threats by Grand Bodies, for it looks childish in Masonry, whose teachings are that brethren should dwell together in peace and unity. We do not think that the Grand Council duly considered the matter, although it had been laid over one year. The non-intercourse would be all on the one side. We hold the resolution entirely useless, for in our opinion whatever may have been done under Chapter merging had been healed by the Grand Council recognizing these companions so previously irregularly made. If the Grand Council of Illinois says that companion A. B. is a regular Select Master Mason, he must be so received throughout the Masonic or Cryptic world—unless it is proved beyond doubt that the Grand Council had been deceived."

In conclusion, Comp. MEYER says :—

"We have at last reached the end of our report. What merit it may possess is left to the kind criticisms of our companions, members of the Grand and subordinate Councils of Pennsylvania, and to the Chairmen of the Committees on Correspondence of the several Grand Councils, to whose tender mercies we commit our humble efforts. The report might have been better both as to matter and manner ; it will not compare with many reports we have reviewed. We may be wrong in our views, when compared to the customs and usages of sister Grand Councils ; if so, we must plead that we are Pennsylvanians, as a writer once said, 'a peculiar people!' full of kindness to all, but extremely sensitive to unjust criticisms. The Committee on Correspondence have it in their power to mould the sentiments of those they write for, and much depends upon them as to the future peace and prosperity of the different branches of Freemasonry. When we look at the names of those companions who have prepared the reports we recognize the names and the language of many old friends. We say 'old,' because the weight of the length of life of a generation of men rests on their Masonic shoulders. Men who are veterans in Masonry, men who have wrought more than the allotted hours in Masonry,

men whom Masonry has honored, men many of whom have moulded the present prosperous condition of Freemasonry in their jurisdictions, men whose names have become as household words in the Masonic world. When we examine and report on their reports as presented, we do so with much diffidence, a feeling of our inability to examine their writings, and to criticise them as they deserve."

We are indebted to Comp. MEYER for the following table :—

GRAND COUNCILS.

INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.

GRAND COUNCIL.	GRAND RECORDER.	ADDRESS.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Illinois	Gilbert W. Barnard	Chicago.
Kentucky	Lorenzo D. Croninger	Covington.
Michigan	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Jersey	Charles Bechtel	Trenton.
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	William R. Greene	Providence.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.

UNDER GENERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolihin	Macon.
Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston.
Minnesota	William Cheney	Minneapolis.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New York	George Van Vliet	West & Beth St., N. Y.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	Frelon J. Babcock	Salem.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzel	Nashville.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Gen. Grand Council, U. S.	Henry W. Mordhurst	Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.

Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto, Ontario.
England	Charles F. Matier.	8a Red Lion Sq., Lond.

There are twenty subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 1,436.

The *M.·. P.·.* JOHN L. YOUNG was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* CHARLES E. MEYER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

The pamphlet containing the proceedings of this Grand Council, embraces a period from 1884 to 1886, or three Annual Assemblies. The Rite appears to be in a fairly healthy and prosperous condition in these plantations, the climate of which appears to be congenial to its growth. The companions of this juris-

diction took no stock in the Mississippi Plan, but with quiet determination have pursued the even tenor of their way for more than a quarter of a century, bringing to their united labors that energy, perseverance and harmony which compel success and ensure progress and prosperity.

The twenty-sixth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Providence, on the twelfth day of April, 1886, the *M.·. Ill.·.* OSMOND H. BRIGGS, Grand Master, presiding, Comp. WILLIAM R. GREEN being Grand Recorder. Five subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his Address, says :—

"The past year has completed the twenty-fifth of our existence and marks an epoch in our history. At our last Annual Assembly a committee was appointed to make arrangements for a suitable observance of the anniversary which occurred Oct. 30, 1885. Great credit is due the committee for the admirable manner in which their duties were performed. The Grand Council met in St. Andrew's at eight o'clock, Friday evening, Oct. 30th, the exercises consisted of an instructive historical address by *M.·. Ill.·.* the Rev. HENRY W. RUGG, followed by a scholarly oration by *M.·. Ill.·.* the Rev. WM. N. ACKLEY. We were favored with excellent music appropriate to the occasion, under the guidance of *M.·. Ill.·.* EDWIN BAKER. After which a banquet was served and interesting addresses by various members of the Order received careful attention. The occasion was pleasant and profitable for all who participated in it. We could not but feel sensible of the influence which such a meeting exerted. It would be impossible for us not to realize the strength and power of manhood, and we could not be insensible to the interesting train of thought which such a day in our history would give rise to. A quarter of a century had passed since a few zealous members of our Order took steps to form and perpetuate this Grand Council. At this time there were four Bodies in the State, viz.: *Providence* Council, *Pawtucket*, *Webb* and *DeBlois* Councils. Each derived their authority from Grand Councils in different States. Interest in the Cryptic degrees was at a low ebb, and strong efforts had been made to confer the Cryptic degrees with those of Royal Arch Chapters. The sturdy defenders of our Rite did not coincide with such actions and determined to take active measures to maintain the degrees as a separate organization, and, as a result of their labors, the Grand Council was instituted Oct. 30th, 1860. The seed which was sown in weakness is now raised in comparative strength ; from about two hundred members we have now about eight hundred members—not a very large increase in twenty-five years, yet it shows a steady, healthy growth, and I am confident the next twenty-five years will show a much larger increase to the membership of our subordinate Councils. I find in my intercourse with the Councils throughout the State, an increased interest in the working of the degrees, and a desire on the part of officers and members to do the work in a becoming and sasisfactory manner, and to advance the interests of the Order in every way that is consistent."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance in the treasury of $138 44.

A brief Report on Correspondence, by Comp. HENRY W. RUGG, closes the record of transactions. He speaks hopefully and encouragingly of the general condition of Cryptic Masonry and of its success in the future. He says :—

"The Cryptic Rite has a merit of its own ; its ritual and ceremonies can be made attractive as well as morally instructive, and in the right hands, with zeal and intelligence directing, there need be no doubt but that a fair measure of prosperity will be attained."

He is not in favor of the General Grand Council, which we regret, and hope he may yet be brought to view the matter in a different light.

There are five subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 829.

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

VERMONT.

The thirty-fourth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Burlington on the fourteenth day of June, 1887, the *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM H. S. WHITCOMB, Grand Master, presiding, Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS being Grand Recorder. Eighteen subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master delivered a good Address, in which he alludes in feeling terms to the companions who have finished their life-labors during the year.

Of the condition of the Rite in Vermont, he says :—

"Cryptic Masonry has moved forward in a steady march the past year. Its triumphs have perhaps shown no such marked results as in the year previous, but the waking and working of some Councils long known as 'sleeping the sleep of the just' gives renewed courage to those who have labored so long and earnestly to revive every dormant Council. When you review the long list of delinquent Councils shown in the printed records for 1885, and then find that but one of the number is to-day in arrears, you have cause for rejoicing. As there was but one, I had it in my heart to make one more visit and see if it could not be restored to its former high position and usefulness. I have every reason to believe it can be done, and that the charters will all be held by working Councils. And yet it may be some will linger until you have a more successful and energetic leader, one born with a genius capable of

"'Turning for them who pass, the common dust
Of servile opportunity to gold.'"

The annual is embellished with a portrait of the late PHILIP C. TUCKER, one of the venerable Fathers of Freemasonry in that jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on the right side of the ledger of $254 09.

No legislation of general interest was had. A redeeming feature in the general dullness of the proceedings is an excellent Report on Correspondence by Rev. Comp. FREDERICK SHUBAEL FISHER, whose reports in other departments of Masonry we have often read with great pleasure and satisfaction. California for 1885-86 is reviewed in a genial and fraternal manner. He thinks, from the remark of Grand Master DAY, about the "Cryptic hearth," that we have "put a fire-place in the Ninth Arch." We assure our esteemed companion that we have reserved a warm corner for him whenever he chooses to visit us, be it night or *Day*.

Comp. FISHER, in his conclusion, says :—

"As we have passed the Arches in this review, we have felt like the returned native, who asks about his companions, their fate ; whether they are living or dead ; how many married, and their children.

"The tidings have been gratifying, more so than could have been expected ; for some of the dead live again, while new Bodies have come into existence. And not dormant all those who are speechless in our report, for some of the alive and awake still keep silence. So far as published proceedings are concerned, altogether we feel that Isabod guards the door of the Rite, and that enemies, intruders and false friends are vanished. May the Light of the Deposit shine for long years to come on all in the Circle, and that when we are found of death the word of the Delta may be found engraven on our characters."

There are eighteen subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 855.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* HENRY H. Ross was elected Grand Master, and Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

Thus closes the record of the Cryptic year. In the proceedings reviewed in this report we find nothing to discourage, but much to cheer and stimulate our enthusiasm, to awaken our zeal and arouse our energies. Since the collapse of the Mississippi plan many of the Grand Councils have reorganized and taken a new lease of life. Nine have preferred to remain non-allegiant to the General Grand Council, but time, we believe, will harmonize all difficulties, and we have no doubt we shall see, eventually, all the Bodies of the Cryptic Rite working harmoniously under one general head. Some jurisdictions are weak in numbers and in zeal, but there appears, notwithstanding, to have been a general improvement all along the line. The Cryptic Rite must be content to make haste slowly. There is not yet that perfect harmony and accord within our organization which is a guaranty of prosperity. We must apply a soothing balm to the blisters which irritate, while they do not injure the Cryptic Body, and, in time, even Illinois will be *healed*.

To this end our prayers do continually arise, "*So mote it be.*"

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
For the Committee.

Which report was ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

The Grand Council was then called off until one o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Monday, April 16th, Anno Dep. 2888.

The Grand Council was called on at one o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Recorder presented the credentials of Comp. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, as Representative of the Grand Council of Arkansas; of Comp. DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, as Representative of the Grand Council of Indiana, and of Comp. THOMAS KYLE, as Representative of the Grand Council of Kentucky, near the Grand Council of California; and

On motion of Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN the companions named were received and accredited as such Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, from the Committee on Finances and Returns, presented the following report :—

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of California :—

Your Committee on Finances and Returns have examined the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, together with their vouchers and papers, and find the same to be in proper order and correct.

The balance of cash on hand, as shown in the Report of the Grand Treasurer, was counted by the committee and found correct.

Your committee concurs in the recommendations of the Grand Recorder, and recommend that the Constitution be amended so as to embody the following, viz.:—

That a fee of five dollars shall be asked for each dispensation to a subordinate Council ;

That a fee of five dollars shall be asked for each diploma issued by the Grand Council ;

That the Constitution of this Grand Council be referred to a special committee for revision.

Your committee also recommends that in the third paragraph of Section 1, Article VIII, of the Constitution, the words "fifty cents" be stricken out, and the words "one dollar" be substituted, making the paragraph read as follows : For each companion received and greeted, the sum of one dollar.

Your committee would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :—

Grand Recorder's salary	$225 00
Grand Sentinel's services	10 00
Grand Organist's services	10 00
Contingent expenses Grand Recorder's office	50 00
Printing proceedings	100 00
Expenses of Grand Master to visit subordinate Councils	200 00
	$595 00

Respectfully submitted.

W. FRANK PIERCE,
I. S. LOCKE,
E. GLOVER,
} *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in, and the recommendations were adopted ; and,

On motion of Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, the amendments to the Constitution, as proposed in the foregoing report, were then severally voted upon and unanimously adopted.

Comp. ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, from the special committee to whom had been referred the Address of the *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of California:—

The special committee to whom was referred the Annual Address of the *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, having had the same under consideration, report that, with the Grand Master, we congratulate the fellowship of the Cryptic Rite for the many blessings bestowed upon us, and that "health, peace, and prosperity

have been with us during the past year;" also that the grim tyrant has not invaded our fold in the past year, whereby we are again enabled to greet each other at this Assembly of the Grand Council.

His zeal and fraternal action in behalf of our beloved Rite, in visiting the Councils named, entitle him to the grateful thanks of the Royal and Select Masters in this jurisdiction.

His appointment of Grand Representatives, granting dispensation, and the decision given, all merit the endorsement of this Grand Council.

With reference to the recommendation as to change of title prefixing the names of the Grand Officers we are of the opinion that it would necessitate a change in the Constitution before it could be effected, and from statements made by the Grand Recorder in his Annual Report, there are many other changes required in the Constitution. We would therefore suggest that the recommendation alluded to be referred to a committee for the purpose of revising our Constitution, and in consonance therewith would recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:—

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to revise the Constitution of this Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, with instructions to report to the ensuing Assembly in 1889.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC S. TITUS,
HENRY S. ORME,
J. H. NEFF, } *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in, and the resolution accompanying it was unanimously adopted. Whereupon the Grand Master named the following companions as the special committee—

On Revision of the Constitution:..... { Comp. Franklin Henry Day, " Isaac Sutvene Titus, " William Frank Pierce.

Comp. ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report :—

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances report with great pleasure that no complaint has been placed on their table, nor do we recall that there has ever been in the twenty-eight years of the existence of this Grand Council; a fact most creditable to the members of the Cryptic Rite, whose subordinates cover a dominion equal to one-third of the territory embraced in this great Union. We therefore congratulate this Grand Council on the entire harmony in its ranks, which exists at present and has existed for so great a length of time in the past.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC S. TITUS,
THOMAS KYLE,
DAVID P. MARSHALL, } *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in.

On motion of Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year was ordered. The Grand Master having appointed Companions ADOLPHUS HOLLUB and CHARLES WILSON BUSH to act as tellers, the election proceeded, with the following result :—

The *M.·. P.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT was elected Grand Master ;
" *R.·. P.·.* WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON was elected Deputy Grand Master ;
" " " WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE was elected Grand Illustrious Master ;
" " " DAVID PUGH MARSHALL was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Works ;
" " " FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer ;
" " " THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz.:—

Comp. OSGOOD CHURCH WHEELER.....as....*Grand Chaplain ;*
" GEORGE PENLINGTON .....as....*Grand Captain of the Guards ;*
" CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT.....as....*Grand Steward ;*
" SAMUEL DAVID MAYER .....as....*Grand Organist ;*
" JAMES OGLESBY.....as....*Grand Sentinel.*

The Grand Officers (excepting the Grand Chaplain), were then installed in their respective stations by Past Grand Master CHARLES LORD FIELD, assisted by Past Grand Master FRANKLIN HENRY DAY as Master of the Ceremonies.

On motion of the Grand Recorder, it was ordered that the Grand Chaplain be installed in *Oakland* Council, No. 12, of which he is a member.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee—

On Correspondence : ..... Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell, " Henry Sayre Orme, " Mortimer Cherberry Allen.

The business of the Grand Council being all completed, the minutes of the session were read and approved, and the Grand Council of California was closed in Ample Form.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,
Grand Master.

ATTEST :
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

ADOPTED IN APRIL, 1888.

(*Amendments in Italics.*)

ARTICLE VIII.

OF REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The revenue of the Grand Council shall be derived from the following sources:—

1st. For every dispensation to form a new Council, the sum of seventy-five dollars, of which ten dollars shall be the fee of the Grand Recorder;

2d. For every charter to perpetuate a new Council, the sum of twenty-five dollars, of which five dollars shall be the fee of the Grand Recorder;

3d. *For a dispensation to hold an election for an officer or officers at a time other than that named in this Constitution, five dollars;*

4th. *For a diploma, five dollars, of which three dollars shall be the fee of the Grand Recorder;*

5th. For each companion received and greeted, the sum of *one dollar;* and

6th. For each member borne upon the rolls of the subordinate Councils at the date of their Annual Returns, the sum of fifty cents.

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Forbes, Robert
Foster, James Stuart
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Herzog, Philip
Hevener, William Henry
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Hockheimer, Amiel
Hoehn, Jacob
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Howell, Sidney Algernon
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Huggins, Henri Tyler
Hull, Joseph
Hunt, John Alexander
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Hyman, Daniel
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Jacobs, Louis
Johnson, Julian Workman
Johnston, William
Jones, William Rowland
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Knights, William Durant
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Levison, Jacob
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Nevis, Manuel Silva
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Pacheco, Romualdo
Parsons, Charles Robert
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Putnam, George Alfred
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Roberts, Robert William
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Tufts, Albert Currier
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, Wm. Carey
Van Kirk, John Claremont
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Webster, Joseph Richard
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Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hammer, Mosheim S.
Hammond, Edwin
Harper, Thomas
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, James Darrow
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Herzog, Philip
Hevener, William Henry
Hillier, Theodore
Hollister, Dwight
Hockheimer, Amiel
Hoehn, Jacob
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Howell, Sidney Algernon
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Huggins, Henri Tyler
Hull, Joseph
Hunt, John Alexander
Hunt, William Smith
Hyman, Daniel
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, Wm. Franklin
Jacobs, Louis
Johnson, Julian Workman
Johnston, William
Jones, William Rowland
Just, John Peter
Knights, William Durant
Knights, William Rudd
Krebs, Charles Henry
Levison, Jacob
Lewis, Samuel Amanzo
Lightner, Bonus
Lyon, Edward
Lufkin, Harry Tileston
McArthur, John
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McLaughlin, William
Meister, August
Menke, Anton
Merryfield, Justus Chand'r
Miller, Frederick
Miller, John Henry
Metcalf, Charles Wesley
Morse, Stephen Turner
Nathan, Samuel
Neff, Jacob Hart
Nevis, Manuel Silva
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Ochsner, John
O'Neil, James
Pacheco, Romualdo
Parsons, Charles Robert
Peterson, Wm. Frederick
Phillips, Louis
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Pockman, Thomas Cross
Putnam, George Alfred
Richards, John
Roberts, Robert William
Robinson, Robert
Ross, Henry Ackson
Runyon, Solomon
Scroth, John George
Scott, Lemuel Pervine
Scott, Thomas James
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Joshua Hughes
Smith, Thomas
Stanley, Leander
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Steinman, Elias Ulmer
Stephens, John Dickson
Stevens, Charles Henry
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Summers, Andrew Good
Sweany, John
Talbot, John
Taverner, George
Taverner, Thomas Moore
Tubbs, John Charles
Tufts, Albert Currier
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, Wm. Carey
Van Kirk, John Claremont
Variel, Robt. Hy. Fountl'y
Vaughn, Cor'us Lewis N.
Vermilya, Abram John
Webster, Joseph Richard
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Whitelaw, John
White, George Amos
Willey, Henry Ide
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, Geo. Howard
Witham, Gilbert Tapley
Wood, William
Woodburn, James
Young, John Nelles
Zimmerman, Christian

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WITHDRAWN:

McKay, Daniel—1.

DIED:

Brewington, Benjamin Smith
Foster, Francis
Hoag, George Winfield
Schnitzlein, Frederick Augustus—4.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	197	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	4	Died	4
Affiliated	1—202.	Now borne upon the roll	197—202.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

George Penlington, *Th. Ill. Master*, John George Mack, *Captain of Guard*,
William Warren Coleman, *D. Ill. Mas.*, Anson Woodman Meigs, *Conductor*,
Joseph Gardner Baston, *P.C. of Works*, James Greig Walker, *Steward*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Treasurer*, Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
George Johnson, *Recorder*, James Oglesby, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Adolphus Hollub,
Thomas Kyle,
George Tuttle Grimes,
Franklin Henry Day,
Charles Lord Field,
David Pugh Marshall,
Isaac Stanwood Locke.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Adolph	Birch, William Henry	Bullard, William Parr
Ames, Frank Holmes	Black, Howard	Burges, Tristam
Anderson, James Wright	Blake, Charles Edward	Burns, Henry Frederick
Anthony, Edward Taylor	Blossom, Henry Eckford	Burt, James Gardner
Armstrong, George Rob't	Boop, John Daniel	Burtis, Robert Wallace
Armstrong, Rob't Bleakley	Bragg, Robert	Calier, James M.
Armstrong, Rudolph	Breon, Paul	Campbell, Frederick
Ascroft, Henry	Brinckerhoff, Harman	Campbell, Walter C.
Atkinson, Thos. Thompson	Broder, Robert Chidley	Chapin, Dismore Davis
Badger, William Gilman	Bromley, George Tisdale	Charles, Abner Elias
Baker, Charles Henry	Browell, Jeremiah	Chesley, Charles Palmer
Baldwin, Alfred Walton	Brown, Frederick Joseph	Christesen, Martin A. C.
Bangs, Edward	Brown, Henry Adams	Christian, Ceasar
Barclay, Peter Thomas	Brown, William Anderson	Clement, Joseph
Bassett, Charles Follen	Browne, John Mills	Clifford, James Benjamin
Baum, David Andrew	Bruns, Henry Bernhard	Coburn, Clarence Wooster

Code, Philip *D*
Cole, Richard Beverly
Coleman, Carlton Chinn
Cressey, Edward Potter
Cressy, Albert
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Crouch, Robert
Crowley, Timothy Jay
Curry, John
Curtis, John Morrison
Daniel, William Lyon
Davis, Isaac Elphinstone
Davis, Jacob Zeigler
Dean, Peter
Dennis, Samuel William
Dietterle, George
Dinsmore, Robert
Doane, John Osborne
Doane, Micah
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dorn, Marcellus Americus
Doud, Aaron
Dougherty, Chas. Medley
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Edelman, Charles
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edmondson, John George
Edwards, Henry
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Eklund, John Peter
Elliot, Charles Emery
Everett, Daniel Henry
Ewen, Oliver
Falls, Richard James
Fargo, Earl Alexander
Fargo, Jerome Bonaparte
Farrell, Edward
Faull, William
Field, Alfred Bishop
Firth, Joseph Kirk
Fisher, Henry
Fiske, Henry Mortimer
Flint, Brilsford Pease
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Folger, George Edwin
Foster, Arthur William
Fox, John G.
Frank, Geo. Washington
Frank, Samuel Houston
Frolich, Theodore
Gagnon, Michael
Gallagher, John Patrick
Gamble, Samuel
Garratt, Benj. Franklin
Garratt, Wm. Thompson
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Giles, Frederick *N*
Goud, George Lamb
Graham, Thomas Gardner
Graham, William Findley
Graves, Charles Henry
Graves, Hiram Augustus
Graves, Hiram Throop
Gray, John Hatfield
Greenhood, William Oscar
Griffin, John Wesley
Griffiths, Thos. Hamlyn
Gritman, Charles Ray
Grossetta, Martin
Gullixson, Henry Ferd.
Haas, David Leopold
Hager, George
Hammond, John
Hansen, Carl Christian A.
Hatch, Augustus Timothy
Hatch, James Henry
Hawley, Chas. Augustus
Highton, Henry Edward
Hildebrandt, Carsten
Hobe, Adolphus Augustus
Holden, Samuel Emery
Hopkins, Peter
Hopkins, Timothy
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howard, Charles Shelby
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Hurlbut, Reuben Preston
Jeffers, Milo Sydney
Jeffray, William
Jellison, Benj. Franklin
Jenks, Geo. Washington
Jennings, Charles Brooks
Jennings, Jas. Hazelton
Johnson, John Munroe
Jones, William Arthur
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Keating, Michael James
Kenyon, Curtis George
Kern, Morris James
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Knight, Edmund Ewell
Kohler, Henry
Kohlman, Solomon
Kohn, Isaack
Krieg, Anton
Kunkler, John Ernest
Lane, William Edmund
Lawson, Andrew
Lazelle, Henry Daniel
Levy, Isidore Nathan
Levy, Jacob
Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Lind, Charles
Litchfield, Jos. Miller
Lloyd, Reuben Hedley
Loane, Francis Marion
Logan, Milburne Hill
Logan, Thomas Emerson
Lo Presti, Anthony
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lux, Frank Antoin
Lyman, Wm. Whitt'gham
Lyon, William Henry
Martinez, Francis N. R.
McAleer, Edward Charles
McCarty, James
McCord, James
McCreary, Daniel
McCullough, Henry Van S.
McDearmon, William
McFarland, Abel
McGann, Patrick Henry

McKay, Thomas
McMath, Joseph
McMillan, Robert
McNab, James
Mecklenberg, Joseph
Meigs, John *J*
Mentz, John Henry
Meston, Robert
Meyer, Julius
Mills, Edward Tyrrel B.
Montealegre, Carlos F.
Moore, Andrew
Moore, Arthur Weld
Moraghan, Michael Bolan
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, David, Jr.
Morrow, William *W*
Morshead, John White
Mouser, Silas Mercer
Muller, John
Murdock, George Leonard
Nash, Charles
Neal, George Folger
Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Norcross, Daniel
O'Connor, Joseph
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Parmelee, James Edward
Partridge, Charles
Patton, Charles Lewis
Peck, Philip
Phillips, William Rippard
Polastri, Richard Steven
Prag, Martin
Price, Arthur Faraday
Price, Thomas
Prince, Henry Gilman
Ramage, Walter James
Redmond, Michael Francis
Reynolds, Frank Bailey
Ridgway, Frazier
Riley, John Francis
Robertson, Wm. Alex'r
Roskruge, George James
Ryan, Michael
Schmidt, Valentine
Schrieber, Martin Aug. W.
Scott, Ebenezer
Seidel, Philipp
Sexton, Warren
Seymour, Simon Harry
Shaeffer, John Werner
Shattuck, Charles Curtis
Sheldon, George Edwin
Short, Peter
Sibley, Levi Butler
Simpson, James
Slack, Charles William
Smith, Frederick George
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.
Smith, William Frederick
Smith, William Jacob
Soule, William L. G.
Spaulding, George
Spear, Gustavus Langford
Speier, Bernard
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stark, William Alex.
Steiger, Charles Rudolph
Stern, Louis
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Swift, Samuel
Taber, Jacob Spooner
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thompson, Geo. Howard
Thornton, Sam'l Kennedy
Triest, Bernard
Tuohy, John
Vanderhurst, William
Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alex. B.
Warburton, Samuel
Warwick, James Blain
Weller, Henry Olp
Wells, Asa Reynolds
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
White, Jonathan Lloyd
Whittier, James Eugene
Wiley, George Adrian
Wilson, John McFarland
Winter, Washington Gen.
Woodlock, John
Young, William
Younger, William John
—307.

EXCLUDED:

Clary, William Henry
Dutton, Samuel Edwards
Godley, Montgomery
Sanches, Randolph Potter
Warren, Joseph Maxwell
—5.

DIED:

Bryan, William
Coleman, Edward Warren
Hayes, Robert
Laird, David White
Terrill, Francis Heath
VanDenburgh, Allison—6.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	303	Excluded..	5
Greeted.....	15—318	Died	6
		Now borne upon the roll....	307—318.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles E Stone, *Thrice Ill. Master*, Francis Wm. Howard Aaron, *Recorder*,
Amasa Wiley White, *Dep. Ill. Master*, Jas. Fred Eastman, *Capt. of the Guard*,
Samuel Josiah Smith Rogers, *P.C.W.*, Thomas Hugh Kernan, *Conductor*,
Marcus Marcuse, *Treasurer*, Simon Hochstadter, *Steward*,
Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Caldwell Belcher,
William Lee Lawrence,
Charles Raish,
Henry Holcombe Rhees,
Charles E Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer A Marcuse,
Andrew Jackson Binney,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Edmund Taylor Wilkins,
Lemuel Trescott Crane.

SELECT MASTERS:

Asher, Alexander Branch
Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Barnes, Avery Power
Baxter, John
Belknap, F. G.
Bockius, Charles George
Brown, Josiah Perkins
Buttelmann, Frederick
Burchard, John Luther
Carpenter, George Wash.
Crew, Alexander Hill
Dobbins, Thomas
Ellis, William Turner
Elwell, William
Faulkner, Charles
Fimbreath, Arthur Francis
Fisher, Charles Lester
Goad, William Frank
Gribner, George Thomas
Hunter, William
Knight, David Edgar
Krause, Frederick Low
Leining, John Henry
Logan, Anderson Dabney
Miller, Alexander
Molineux, Henry
McFarlane, James Clark
Peacock, James Richard
Patton, John
Patterson, George
Roberts, John Henry
Rideout, Norman Dunning
Reece, Thomas White
Seely, John Ambrose
Slingsby, William
Spencer, Stephen
Stokes, William Charles
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Vanderwarker, Abner K.
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
—59.

DIED:

Parks, William Henry
Parkhurst, Lorenzo Dow—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....61. Died..... 2
Now borne upon the roll... ..59—61.

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Edwin Aldrich Rodgers, *Th. Ill. Master*, William Gustav Rudorff, *Recorder*,
Tryon Milton Yancy, *Dep. Ill. Master*, James Edgar Requa, *Capt. of the Guard*,
Charles Edward Lang, *P. C. of Works*, Joseph Moore Hampton, *Conductor*,
Eduard Keil, *Treasurer*, George Carroll Bush, *Steward*,
Samuel Leon, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Alvin Bacon Preston,
Stephen Wing,
Charles Edward Lang,
Gideon Wing,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,
James Bell.

SELECT MASTERS;

Bacon, Martin
Barlow, Abraham
Bradford, William
Calhoun, Henry Clay
Carter, John Beach
Colby, Alonzo
Harris, Charles Parsons
Johnson, Andrew Potter
Klein, Peter
Means, Andrew Jackson
Mitchell, Fred'k Francis
Parsons, Edmond
Phelps, Thos. Lawrence
Rooney, John Francis
Street, Frank *W*—28.

WITHDRAWN:

Matthews, James
Winne, George—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....27
Greeted..... 3—30.
Withdrawn 2
Now borne upon the roll.....28—30.

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Mortimer Cherberry Allen, *Th. Ill. M.*, Edward Sweeny, *Recorder*,
Daniel Potter Bystle, *Dep. Ill. Master*, John Sale Strode, *Capt. of the Guard*,
John William Garden, *P. Con. Works*, Albert Frederick Ross, *Conductor*,
John Varner Scott, *Treasurer*, William Andrew, *Steward*,
Ulysses Richard Lord, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle,
Adolph Dobrowsky,
Louis Wellendorff,
William Ely Hopping,
Mortimer Cherberry Allen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Anderson, Charles
Andrews, Alex. Rob'tson
Black, Peter Peterson
Blossom, Robert Hurd
Bratten, John Michael
Carr, James E.
Chase, Guy Horatio
Clements, John
Crawford, Isaac Samuel
Cushing, John
Easeck, Belty
Given, William Cushing
Greene, Thomas
Griggs, Sidney Allen
Guptill, William Neal
Hall, Joseph *N*
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Kingsley, George Leeman
Lee, Bruce Benjamin
Lowden, William Spencer
Majors, John Newton
Martin, Rufus Franklin
Mehon, Morris
Miller, Thomas Love
Mitchell, Marshall Alex.
Murphy, Sylvanus Ever't
Nichols, James Levin
Overmeyer, Chas. Edwin
Paulson, Jacob
Reynolds, John Edward
Ross, Herman Frederick
Rowles, James
Saulan, Andrea
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Sol'mon David
Schroter, Gunther F. C.
Shearin, Daniel Thomas
Smith, Champion *W*
Souter, John
Sweet, Henry Andrew
Syme, John
Taggart, Grant Israel
Taylor, Holloway
Webb, John Paxton
Weil, David
Weil, Joseph
Wimmea, Jas. Moses—59.

DIED:

Lowden, Marshall Horace—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	58	Died	1
Greeted.....	2—60.	Now borne upon the roll.....	59—60.

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9.

Helena, Montana Territory.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*,	August Weisenhorn, *Capt. of Guard*,
William McClatchy, *Dep. Ill. Master*,	William Dulin Smith, *Conductor*,
William Jury, *Prin. Con. of Works*,	Martin *M* Holter, *Marshal*,
Theodore H. Kleinschmidt, *Treasurer*,	Cornelius Hedges, *Steward*,
George Booker, *Recorder*,	John C. Major, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornelius Hedges,	James W. Hathaway,
James C. Singer,	Harry R. Comley,
Walter E. Frederick,	William McClatchy,
John C. Major,	Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Atchison, John Baker	Holter, Anton M.	Robinson, Jerry
Bullard, William Reed	Jones, Louis L.	Schwab, Samuel
Cowden, Henry	Kennon, Richard T.	Scheuer, Frederick V.
D'Acheul, Harry A.	Kirkendall, Hugh	Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Easterly, Allen M.	Knight, Edward W.	Smith, Louis N.
Evans, Henry D.	Lockey, Richard	Switzer, Jacob
Fisk, Andrew J.	Lombard, Halsey W.	Tatem, Benj. Hutchinson
Greenhood, Isaac	Murphy, John	Walker, Jacob Longacre
Guthrie, Henry H.	Reese, Hugh	Wood, George R
Henry, Daniel B.	Reinig, Michael	Wulff, Iver—44.

WITHDRAWN:

Sonnefield, Henry—1.

DIED:

Jewett, Daniel—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	46	Withdrawn.....	1
		Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	44—46.

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward RichardsHedges, *T. Ill. Master*, John Milton La Rue, *Recorder*,
George Alex. McKenzie, *D. Ill. Master*, Henry Ephraim Robbins, *C. of Guard*,
Thomas Kent Hook, *Prin. Con. Works*, John Garwood, *Conductor*,
William Graham, *Treasurer*, Archibald Leitch, *Steward*,
Phil. T. Brown, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies, Edward Richards Hedges,
Isaac Sutvene Titus, Alexander Chalmers.

SELECT MASTERS:

Abernethy, William Alex.
Bachmann, Carl August
Barber, Joseph Martin
Batchelder, Benj. Pierce
Bunnell, Lucius Augustus
Caine, John
Campbell, Doran Lucius
Castle, Ch'pher Columbus
Cavis, Joseph Mills
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Craig, Howard Milton
Cross, Lester Emmett
Cunningham, Thomas
Cutting, Lewis Morrison
Dalby, Samuel Price
Dorrance, Henry Tully
Dorsey, Caleb
Elliott, Lyman Weston
Fanning, HowardMalcolm
Fortune, James Pulaski
Fraser, Philip Barry
Harrison, Norval
Harrison, William Bruce
Haslacher, Jacob
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Hurd, Columbus
Kahn, Louis
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Kirkland, William
Langridge, George Wash.
Lehe, Eugene
Lothrop, Isaac
McGuffick, William
McKinnon, Angus
Milco, Nicola
Moore, Stephen Baldy
Noble, Arthur Morgan
O'Brien, John Henry
Payne, George Albert
Peters, Joseph Daphine
Prugh, Winfield Webster
Reid, Robert King
Rhodes, Wm. H. Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Andrew Joseph
Russell, Richard William
Scott, Edward
Shaw, Henry Coffin
Sherman, Edwin Brown
Shurtleff, Geo. Augustus
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Stone, William Henry
Swain, Cornelius
Thresher, Minord Sprague
Tilghman, George
Vance, John Anderson
Waterman, Solomon
Woods, John Newton
Yardley, John—73.

RESTORED:

Dorsey, Caleb—1.

DIED:

Schmidt, Frederick William—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....70	Died 1
Greeted..... 3	Now borne upon the roll.....73—74.
Restored ..... 1—74.	

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

George Crockett Knox, *Th. Ill. Master*, Richard Thomas Mullard, *Recorder*,
August Wackenbarth, *D. Ill. Master*, Levi Henry Whitson, *Capt. of Guard*,
John Condit Haskell, *Prin. Con. Works*, Jacob Alfred Bernstein, *Conductor*,
Horatio Sutton Parcels, *Treasurer*, David Burbank, *Steward*,
John McIlmoil, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme, Julius Brousseau,
Horatio Sutton Parcels, Norton Filmore Story.
Robert Gilmore Cunningham,

SELECT MASTERS:

Allen, Gabriel	Hammel, Henry	Philips, William Spiller
Alexander, Henry Nash	Hamilton, Albert Newell	Polaski, Lewis
Barrows, Henry Dwight	Hewitt, Eldridge Ed.	Reiser, Theodore
Bell, Jas. Edgar Stevenson	Hinds, George	Reynolds, John Jefferson
Bicknell, John Dustin	Hunt, James Shelley	Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Biscailuz, Martin Vincent	Iaeger, Louis John Fred'k	Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Bright, Joseph Shannon	Illich, Gerolomo	Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Brodtbeck, Otto	Jacobs, Lewis	Santee, Milton
Brooks, Daniel William	Jewett, Stanley Punchar'n	Skinner, John Maxwell
Bullis, Omri	Jordon, Franklin	Smith, Henry Augustus
Burr, William Orange	Knickerbocker, Niles	Smith, Ira Bacon
Bush, Charles Wilson	Lambie, William Thomas	Spence, Edward Fallis
Campbell, John Mis	Lazzarevich, Giovanni	Strohm, Thomas
Charnock, Charles	Leake, Edward	Sutherland, David Munroe
Clemens, Andrew	Levy, Michael	Valiant, George Francis
Craigue, Solon William	Lyster, Henry	Van Doren, John Suydam
Crawford, James Seth	McManis, John Rodman	Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Cummings, Wm. George	McKanna, P't'ck A'g'stine	Vignolo, Ambrogio
Dearing, Octavus *A*	Meyer, Samuel	Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Denker, Andrew Henry	Miles, David Edwin	Wiggins, Wilson Robert
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry	Morgan, William Adams	Williams, Romayne
Fisher, Charles Locke	Munro, David	Wilson, Thomas Jonathan
Freeman, Edwin Herbert	Murray, John Emmett	—81.

DIED:

Baker, John Samuel—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	71	Died	1
Greeted	10	Now borne upon the roll	81
Affiliated	1		—82.

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Harrison Morgan, *T. I. Mas.*, Webb Nicholson Pearce, *Recorder*,
James Bestor Merritt, *D. Ill. Master*, Charles Wesley Hewes, *Capt. of Guard*,
Edwin Allen Sherman, *P. C. Works*, Charles Franklin Burnham, *Conductor*,
William Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*, Eugene Corrneny, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett, William Frank Pierce, George Joshua Woodruff.
James Bestor Merritt, Edward Harrison Morgan,

SELECT MASTERS:

Ames, George Spencer	Kendall, Alpheus	Sears, Herman *B*
Bradley, John Tilford	Martin, Daniel *W*	Spaulding, Nathan West'n
Brown, Lewis Henry	McClymonds, John Wm.	Strong, Milton Grosvener
Buckman, Edmund *H*	Meade, Calvert	Thomas, William Robert
Claussen, Henry	Meek, Horry Wert	Troy, John Henry
Dalton, Henry Philip	Metcalf, George Dickson	Wall, Joseph George
Degan, Ludolph Philip	Miller, James	Wheeler, Osgood Church
DeGolia, George Ellis	Parsons, Thomas *J*	Whitney, George Edwin
Dubbs, Willis Snowden	Perkins, Alfred Thomas	Williams, Thomas Stancil
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor	Phillips, John Waterman	Winchester, Ebenezer
Goodman, George	Pierce, Charles Dexter	Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding	Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil	Wright, Cyrus Smith
Gunn, Adam Francis	Reichling, Louis Frank	Yablonsky, John
Hamilton, Wm. Thomas	Rodolph, Frank Bequette	Zimmerman, John A.—53.
Hersey, Edgar Amos		

WITHDRAWN:

Black, Samuel Thorburn Hughes, Robert Allen—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	41	Withdrawn	2
Greeted	14—55.	Now borne upon the roll	53—55

LIST OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS,

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1888.

	Names of Councils.	No. Council.	Place of Location.		Date when Charter was ordered.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspended for Non-pay. Dues	Suspended for Unmas. Cond.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
			Town.	County.												
1	Sacramento.....	1	Sacramento,.....	Sacramento,.....	June 27, 1860.	4	1	....	1	....	....	....	...	4	197	$100 50
2	California	2	San Francisco,....	San Francisco,....	" " "	15	....	....	....	5	....	....	...	6	307	161 00
3	Marysville.....	3	Marysville,.....	Yuba,.....	" " "	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	. ..	2	59	29 50
*	Sierra Nevada.....	4	Placerville,..... .	El Dorado,.....	" " "	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
4	Sonora.....	5	Sonora,.....	Tuolumne,.....	May 8, 1861.	3	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	28	15 50
5	Shasta..... . ..	6	Shasta,.....	Shasta,.....	May 7, 1862.	2	....	...	....	....	....	...	....	1	59	30 50
*	Virginia.....	7	Virginia City,.....	Nevada State, ...	Oct. 18, 1865.	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
*	Yreka.....	8	Yreka,.	Siskiyou, ...	Oct. 22, 1868	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
6	Helena	9	Helena,.....	Montana Ter., ...	" " "	....	....	...	1	....	....	....	....	1	44	22 00
7	Stockton....	10	Stockton,.....	San Joaquin, ...	April 7, 1870.	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	73	38 00
8	Los Angeles.....	11	Los Angeles, ...	Los Angeles, ...	April 13, 1871.	10	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	81	45 50
9	Oakland.....	12	Oakland, ...	Alameda,.....	April 12, 1833.	14	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	53	33 50
	Totals.....					51	2	1	6	5	....	....	....	18	901	$476 00

*Charter surrendered.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Connecticut	George Tuttle Grimes	San Francisco.
Illinois	Isaac Sutvene Titus	San Francisco.
Indiana	David Pugh Marshall	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Ohio	Cornelius Kellogg	Sacramento.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	Adolphus Hollub	San Francisco.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	Marcus L. Bell	Pine Bluff.
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Millersburg.
Louisiana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans,
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Eugene H. Richards	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	Thomas H. Gliddon	Rochester.
Ohio	E. B. Jewett	Columbus.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	John L. Young	Philadelphia.
Tennessee	William M. Doughty	Murfreesboro.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.

GRAND COUNCILS

IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

WITH ADDRESSES OF GRAND RECORDERS.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
CANADA,	J. Ross Robertson,	Toronto.
CONNECTICUT,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
ENGLAND AND WALES,	C. F. Matier,	8A Red Lion Square, London, W. C..
FLORIDA,	John Carlovitz,	Milton.
GEORGIA,	Andrew M. Wolihin,	Albany.
ILLINOIS,	Gil. W. Barnard,	Chicago.
INDIANA,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
KANSAS,	John H. Brown,	Wyandotte.
KENTUCKY,	L. D. Croninger	Covington.
LOUISIANA,	Richard Lambert,	New Orleans.
MAINE,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
MARYLAND,	George L. McCahan,	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,	Alfred F. Chapman,	Boston.
MICHIGAN,	Garra B. Noble,	Detroit.
MINNESOTA,	William Cheney,	Minneapolis.
MISSOURI,	William H. Mayo,	St. Louis.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	George P. Cleaves,	Concord.
NEW JERSEY	Charles Bechtel,	Trenton.
NEW YORK,	George Van Vliet,	New York.
NORTH CAROLINA,	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
OHIO,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
OREGON	Erelon J. Babcock,	Salem.
PENNSYLVANIA,	Charles E. Meyer,	Philadelphia.
RHODE ISLAND,	William R. Greene,	Providence.
SOUTH CAROLINA,	Daniel D. Moore,	Rock Hill.
TENNESSEE,	Benjamin F. Haller,	Memphis.
VERMONT	Warren G. Reynolds,	Burlington.
WISCONSIN	John W. Laflin,	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. COUNCIL U. S.,	Henry W. Mordhurst,	Fort Wayne, Ind.

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council, June 26, A. Dep. 2860.

1860.

*Isaac Davis, ... *Grand Master;*
William Caldwell Belcher, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
Adolphus Hollub, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
James Lawrence English, ... *Grand Prin. Con of the Works.*

1861.

William Caldwell Belcher, ... *Grand Master;*
Adolphus Hollub, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
James Lawrence English, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
Isaac Sutvene Titus, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

Adolphus Hollub, ... *Grand Master;*
Isaac Sutvene Titus, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
William Abraham Davies, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
John Ashby Tutt, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

Isaac Sutvene Titus, ... *Grand Master;*
William Abraham Davies, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*Anderson Seavy, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Charles L. Danielson, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

William Abraham Davies, ... *Grand Master;*
*Anderson Seavy, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
Louis Cohn, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
William Alexander January, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1865.

*Anderson Seavy, ... *Grand Master;*
Louis Cohn, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
William Alexander January, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
Alvin Bacon Preston, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

James Lawrence English, ... *Grand Master;*
Alvin Bacon Preston, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
Frederick Ferdinand Barss, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*Joseph Isaacs, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

Alvin Bacon Preston, ... *Grand Master;*
*Joseph Isaacs, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
Frederick Ferdinand Barss, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
William Franklin Knox, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1868.

*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Master;*
STEPHEN WING, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*LEONARD GOSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
THOMAS KYLE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand Master;*
THOMAS KYLE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

THOMAS KYLE, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works*

1874.

POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ... *Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand Master;*
GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand Master;*
GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1879.

EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,*.....*Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK,.....*Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Prin. Con of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE,.....*Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANK,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....*Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER:

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,

OAKLAND.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,

SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1889, Anno Dep. 2889, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THOS. H. CASWELL,

Grand Recorder.

R. & S. M.

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OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

State of California.

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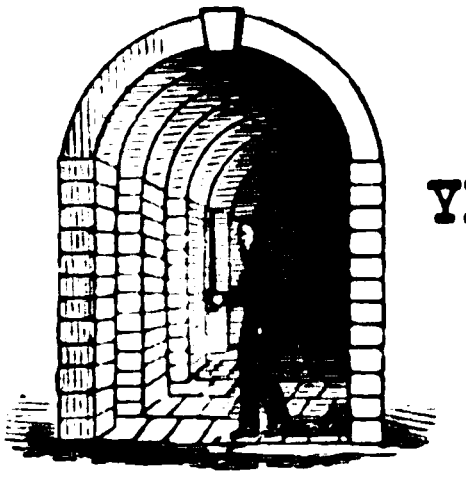

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TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.·. I.·. GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT ITS

Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly,

HELD AT THE

Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco,

ON

Monday, April 15, A. D. 1889, A. Dep. 2889.

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GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE

Year Commencing April, A. D. 2889, A. Dep. 2889.

M.·. I.·. WILLIAM E. OUGHTON,..GRAND MASTER,.....*Sacramento;*

R.·. I.·. WILLIAM F. PIERCE,....DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,.....*Oakland;*

R.·. I.·. DAVID P. MARSHALL, .. {GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS,} *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.GRAND TREASURER,.. ..... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. THOS. H. CASWELL,.....GRAND RECORDER,.....*San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. OSGOOD C. WHEELER,...GRAND CHAPLAIN,.....*Oakland;*

R.·. I.·. GEORGE PENLINGTON,..GRAND CAPT. OF THE GUARDS,..*San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. VALENTINE DRESHER,...GRAND CONDUC'R OF COUNCIL,..*Sacramento;*

R.·. I.·. CHARLES L. FIELD,.....GRAND LECTURER,.....*San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. CHAS. EDWIN GILLETT,..GRAND STEWARD,..... .....*Oakland;*

Ill.·. SAMUEL D. MAYER, ...GRAND ORGANIST,.....*San Francisco;*

Ill.·. JAMES OGLESBY,.....GRAND SENTINEL,..... .... *San Francisco.*

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California commenced its twenty-ninth Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Monday, the fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1889, A. Dep. 2889, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. P.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ...*Grand Master;*
" *R.·. P.·.* WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
" *R.·. P.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
" *R.·. P.·.* DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*
" *R.·. P.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,..... .....*Grand Treasurer;*
" *R.·. P.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,..... .. *Grand Recorder;*
Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*as Grand Chaplain;*
" GEORGE PENLINGTON, ...*Grand Captain of the Guards;*
" CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Steward;*
" SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,..... .....*Grand Organist;*
" JAMES OGLESBY,.....*Grand Sentinel.*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. P.·.* WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER ....*Past Grand Master;*
" *M.·. P.·.* ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,..... " " "
" *M.·. P.·.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,..... ... " " "
" *M.·. P.·.* STEPHEN WING,..... .... " " "
" *M.·. P.·.* THOMAS KYLE,..... " " "
" *M.·. P.·.* HENRY SAYRE ORME,. ..... " " "
" *M.·. P.·.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... " " "
" *M.·. P.·.* EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,..... " " "
" *M.·. P.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,..... " " "

And the Representatives of six chartered Councils, with several Past Thrice Illustrious Masters by service under this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being a sufficient representation present, the Grand Council of California was opened in Ample Form, with music by the choir, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee—

On Credentials:..... Comp. William Frank Pierce,
" George Penlington,
" David Pugh Marshall.

After a short recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of chartered Councils, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, as being present and entitled to seats, viz :—

Sacramento, ..No. 1,.. JOHN HURLEY, Thrice Illustrious Master;
VALENTINE DRESHER, Prin. Con. of the Works;
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.
WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON, }

California,....No. 2,.. GEORGE PENLINGTON, Thrice Illustrious Master and Past Thrice Illustrious Master;
WILLIAM WARREN COLEMAN, Deputy Ill. Master;
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, }
THOMAS KYLE, }
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, } Past Thrice Ill. Masters.
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL. }
ISAAC STANWOOD LOCKE, }

Marysville,....No. 3,.... WM. CALDWELL BELCHER, Past Thrice Ill. Master.

Sonora, ...No. 5,.... STEPHEN WING, Past Thrice Illustrious Master.

Shasta, ...No. 6,.... MORTIMER CHERBERRY ALLEN, } Th. Ill. Master & P. Th. Ill. Master.

Stockton,.....No. 10,.. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, Thrice Ill. Master and Past Thrice Illustrious Master;
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, Past Th. Ill. Master.

Los Angeles, ..No. 11,.. JOHN CONDIT HASKELL, Deputy Illustrious Master.
HENRY SAYRE ORME, Past Thrice Illustrious Master.

Oakland,.....No. 12,.. WEBB NICHOLSON PEARCE, Thrice Ill. Master;
EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, Deputy Ill. Master;
EUGENE CORMENY, Principal Conductor of Works;
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, }
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, } Past Th. Ill. Masters.
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, }

Which report was concurred in, and the Companions named therein were admitted to seats.

The reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following regular committees :

On Jurisprudence :

Comp. Franklin Henry Day,
" Henry Sayre Orme,
" Adolphus Hollub.

On Appeals and Grievances :

Comp. Edward Richards Hedges,
" Eugene Cormeny,
" John Hurley.

On Finances and Returns :

Comp. William Frank Pierce,
" Mortimer Cherberry Allen,
" William Warren Coleman.

The Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address, as follows :—

ILL.˙. COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL :—

Another year has swiftly sped, and its work is done. We can neither change its record nor amend it, but must abide the decision of the Supreme Grand Master as to whether its labors have been well or ill performed. To Him let us render our thanks for the rich blessings which have crowned the year, and to him let us look with humble, yet steadfast faith, and trust for future merits.

Our number is not complete. One of the oldest and most faithful craftsmen has been called hence. Past Grand Master GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES has finished his labors. An enthusiast in Masonry, let us hope that his work has met the approval of the Master Overseer.

Twelve months ago you placed in my hands this gavel, thereby entrusting to me the interests of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction. To-day I give you a cordial welcome here, and as I return to you this emblem of authority I will give an account of the manner in which I have performed my duties. Peace and harmony have prevailed, and no questions of importance have been submitted for decision. Prosperity has been the rule in the Councils, and numerous accessions of good men and true have been made to our ranks.

Sacramento Council, No. 1, I visited February 25th, 1889. While the attendance was not as large as the membership would indicate yet some thirty were present, the degrees were conferred on six candidates, and the speeches at the banquet had the true ring. There are many active companions in *Sacramento* Council, and Cryptic Masonry is safe in their hands.

October 3d, 1888, was the occasion of a very pleasant visit to *California* Council, No. 2. Ten were added to the workmen in the "clay grounds."

The manner in which the work was done needs no commendation from me, and the good cheer afterwards is what always follows the meetings of this live Council.

Marysville Council, No. 3, conferred the degrees upon two candidates Dec. 17, 1888. Comp. STONE'S long experience as *T.·. Ill.·.* Master is ample security that the work was well done, and he also understands how to make the Grand Master's visit pleasant outside of the Council.

I have written several times to the *T.·. Ill.·.* Master and to the Recorder of *Sônora* Council, No. 5, but have been unable to get a reply from either of them. It would have afforded me much pleasure to have paid them a visit, and I do not think it would have materially injured their Council.

February 12th, 1889, I attended the meeting of *Shasta* Council, No. 6. From the reports of my predecessors I anticipated a good time, and I was in no way disappointed. I arrived early in the morning of one of our most perfect winter days—the grass green and fruit trees in bloom and the heat of the sun making shade desirable. That mighty nimrod, Comp. BYSTLE, conducted me through the mountains, past the scenes of many of his triumphs over bear and deer, to a vast ledge of silver ore. Comp. GARDEN is a model *Principal Conductor*, but I doubt whether he will volunteer to lead the next Grand Master up the long flight of stairs to the Iron Mountain Tunnel. After a lunch with the miners we returned to Shasta, and in the evening a goodly company assembled at the hall, where the degrees were conferred upon seven Royal Arch Masons, among them a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California. At the banquet which succeeded the Inner man was well cared for, and Reason feasted and Soul flowed far into the "wee sma' hours."

It is not often, in the rough and rugged journey of life, that so enjoyable an episode occurs as was vouchsafed to me on August 23d and 24th, 1888. From the moment of alighting on the depot platform till I again took the train, the companions of *Helena* Council, No. 9, vied with each other in rendering my stay pleasant. I was shown the various objects of interest about the place, which, like our own Oakland, is a city of beautiful homes, and in their homes as well as in the Masonic Temple I received a cordial welcome. Unfortunately the hall was occupied by another body, and I was unable to have a meeting of the Council called, but at the banquets of the Mystic Shrine I did not fail to lift my voice in behalf of Cryptic Masonry, and the response was very encouraging. On the afternoon of the twenty-fourth a number of the companions assembled and I gave them needed instruction in the work. During the twenty years that the Council has been in existence it has never before been visited by a Grand Officer, and numerous errors and omissions had crept in. The companions were anxious to be set right, and I will warrant that Comp. FREDERICK and his able assistants can now confer the degrees in a manner excelled by none in the jurisdiction.

December 19th, 1888, the companions of *Stockton* Council, No. 10, conferred the degrees on a class of five, and as the work was done by Past Grand Master HEDGES no remarks are in order. While he remains at the head of affairs *Stockton* Council will keep up her reputation. Stockton is a pleasant place to visit, and the companions are a hospitable set; may their shadows never grow less.

January 26th, 1889, I visited *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, and installed its officers. Owing to the destruction of their Temple and paraphernalia by fire, and other causes, the past year has not been as prosperous as could be wished, but this is a large, strong Council, and the new officers are energetic men who promise to make up for lost time. There is a good field and no reason why No. 11 should not come up to the front rank. We may be assured that while Comp. ORME lives the Council will live too.

I have regularly attended the meetings of my own Council—*Oakland*, No. 12—and the year has been a prosperous one. October 18th, 1888, I made my official visit, accompanied by Past Grand Masters BYSTLE, DAY and FIELD. Two appreciative candidates received the degrees, and Comp. GILLETT'S addenda in the adjoining room was fully enjoyed.

Sacramento, *Stockton* and *Oakland* obey strictly the *unwritten* law, and consequently must prosper if the other Masonic bodies do. We are an important part of the American Rite, and should assert our rights and assume our proper station. Our success depends upon ourselves.

I do not find that uniformity in the work of the Councils which is desirable. Supposing the work of *California* and *Oakland* Councils to be correct, I have made it the basis of my instructions; but I would recommend that a committee be appointed to thoroughly revise the work and to transmit it to each of the Councils, so that future Grand Masters may be able, officially, to correct or commend as the case may require.

In each of the Councils except *California*, No. 2, I have conferred the Super Excellent Degree in full form, and the companions appear much pleased with it. It is an interesting degree; takes but little time and adds nothing to the cost. *Oakland* Council has resolved to confer it at each meeting as a regular part of the work of the S. V., and I would recommend the other Councils to do likewise. I have furnished each of them a copy of the work of the S. E. Degree.

January 13th, 1889, for good cause shown, I granted a dispensation to *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, to elect and install officers at a time other than that prescribed by its by-laws.

I have commissioned as our representatives to other Grand Councils:—

October 11th, 1888, Comp. J. V. ALLEN, of Rock Hill, near the Grand Council of South Carolina.

November 14th, 1888, Comp. JOHN B. GARRETT, of Nashville, near the Grand Council of Tennessee.

February 12th, 1889, Comp. EDWIN A. ALLEN, of North Loup, near the Grand Council of Nebraska.

I have recommended as Grand Representatives of other Grand Councils near our Grand Council, Comp. WM. C. BELCHER, of *Marysville* Council, from the Grand Council of Nebraska; Comp. CHARLES E. GILLETT, of *Oakland* Council, from the Grand Council of Connecticut; Comp. JAMES B. MERRITT, of *Oakland* Council, from the Grand Council of South Carolina.

I desire to add my recommendation to that of Past Grand Master FIELD at our last assembly, in regard to changing the titles of the Grand Officers—abolishing the office of Grand Illustrious Master, and appointing a Grand Conductor of the Council, and I hope that the committee on revision of the Constitution have made the necessary changes.

Companions, let us rejoice that the Order is prosperous; that young men are coming in who, as we, one by one, lay down the burdens of life, will cheerfully take them up and, perhaps better than we, keep our beloved rite in the position it deserves to occupy from its beautiful ritual and high moral teachings. As I return to you this gavel let me thank the companions of the various Councils for the many courtesies received at their hands, and the interest shown by them in the welfare of the Order. The office of Grand Master has been rendered enjoyable rather than laborious by the hearty co-operation and kind attentions of the companions throughout the jurisdiction.

So far as lay in my power I have endeavored faithfully to perform my duty to the Craft, and I hope that my acts will meet your approval.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,
Grand Master.

Which Address was referred to a special committee of three. Whereupon the Deputy Grand Master appointed as such committee —

On Grand Master's Address:..... { Comp. William Abraham Davies, " Henry Sayre Orme, " William Monroe Petrie.

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report as follows :—

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of California :—

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Assembly :—

In eight weeks after the close of the last Annual Assembly the proceedings thereat were printed and the usual number distributed as follows :—

One copy to each of the Grand Officers and permanent Past Grand Officers of this Grand Council; one copy to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils; three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of the subordinate Councils of our obedience.

By order of the Grand Master, commissions to Representatives of this Grand Council, near other Grand Councils, have been issued as follows :—

On the eleventh day of October, 1888, to Comp. J. R. ALLEN, near the Grand Council of South Carolina;

On the fourteenth day of November, 1888, to Comp. JOHN B. GARRETT, near the Grand Council of Tennessee; and,

On the twelfth day of February, 1889, to Comp. EDWIN A. ALLEN, near the Grand Council of Nebraska.

By order of the Grand Master a special dispensation was issued on the third day of January, 1889, to *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, to elect officers at a time other than that fixed by the Constitution of the Grand Council.

That Cryptic Masonry has prospered more than usual during the past year, will appear from the following, all but two of the subordinate Councils having conferred the degrees upon companions in numbers from one up to thirty-nine :—

Number greeted during the year	103	
Number affiliated	2	
Number restored	1	—
Total increase		106
Number withdrawn	7	
Number excluded	3	
Number suspended for non-payment of dues	5	
Number died	18	— —
Total decrease		33
Net increase for the year		73

Number of affiliated Royal and Select Masters on January 31st, 1889, 974.

The prospects for the coming year are even brighter in the way of an increased interest in the Rite than the past has proven. There is a promise of one new Council, and hopes are entertained of the revival of *Yreka* Council, No. 8. So mote it be.

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder's office since the last Annual Assembly :—

RECEIPTS.

Sacramento Council,	No. 1,	dues to February 1, 1889,		$118 50
California,	No. 2,	" " " "		209 50
Marysville,	No. 3,	" " " "		54 50
Sonora,	No. 5,	" " " "		15 00
Shasta,	No. 6,	" " " "		28 50
Helena,	No. 9,	" " " "		21 50
Stockton,	No. 10,	" " " "		40 50
Los Angeles,	No. 11,	" " " "		45 00
Oakland,	No. 12,	" " " "		57 00
Total for dues				$590 00
Received for two diplomas				4 00
Total receipts for the year				$594 00
Amount paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented				$594 00
Ten warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer, amounting in the aggregate to				$572 50

The only matter under the head of unfinished business to be brought before the present Annual Assembly, is the report of the Committee "on Revision of the Constitution," which doubtless the Committee is prepared to submit.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report as follows :—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. & S. M. of California :—

1888.						
April 16.	To balance cash on hand					$208 05
1889.						
Feb. 6.	To received from Grand Recorder					368 50
March 9.	" " " " "					180 50
April 4.	" " " " "					45 00
						$802 05
1888.						
June 9.	By paid T. H. Caswell,	Voucher No.	1		$ 56 25	
June 14.	" " " "	" "	2		10 50	
June 30.	" " James Oglesby,	" "	3		10 00	
July 17.	" " T. H. Caswell,	" "	4		4 50	
July 30.	" " F. Eastman & Co.,	" "	5		112 50	
Aug. 13.	" " Samuel D. Mayer,	" "	6		10 00	
Oct. 20.	" " T. H. Caswell,	" "	7		56 25	
1889.						
Feb. 11.	By paid T. H. Caswell,	Voucher No.	8		56 25	
March 28.	" " " "	" "	9		56 25	
April 5.	" " Jas. B. Merritt,	" "	10		200 00	
						572 50
April 15.	Balance cash on hand					$229 55

Respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, the reading of which was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof :—

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of California :—

Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully report that the proceedings of the following Grand Councils have been received and reviewed :—

ARKANSAS	for 1888	MINNESOTA	for 1888
CONNECTICUT	" 1888	MISSOURI	" 1888
ILLINOIS	" 1888	NEW JERSEY	" 1888
INDIANA	" 1888	NEW YORK	" 1888
KANSAS	" 1888	OHIO	" 1888
KENTUCKY	" 1888	OREGON	" 1888
MAINE	" 1888	TENNESSEE	for 1885–6–7–8
MASSACHUSETTS	" 1887–8	VERMONT	for 1888

Making sixteen in all, and being only little more than half the Grand Councils with which we are in fraternal correspondence. May the stings of awakened conscience so torment the delinquent Grand Recorders, that neither peace nor rest shall be vouchsafed them until they shall have performed their neglected duty, thus enabling us to make a full report next year.

Our report this year begins with —

ARKANSAS.

The twenty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the city of Little Rock on the twenty-ninth day of November, 1888,—the *M.·. P.·.* Sam. W. Williams, Past Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* J. A. Henry being Grand Recorder. Ten subordinate Councils were represented.

Business complications necessitated the absence of the Grand Master, for which he expressed deep regret in the exordium of a well-prepared Address, which was read to the Grand Council by the acting Grand Master. A feeling tribute is paid to the memory of those companions who have rested from their labors during the year. He reports that the past year has been one of undisturbed peace and quietness, and that the existing harmony had rendered his labors light and pleasant. Three dispensations were granted for the formation of new Councils. Under the head of "Welfare of the Rite," he says :—

"We have to congratulate ourselves that the Order is doing reasonably well in this State. Our growth has not been rapid, but conservatively healthy. As far as I have been able to obtain information, some of the subordinate Councils have made a very creditable record, especially the new Councils. They have manifested a degree of fidelity and zeal that I would that all possessed. I trust the accessions during the past year are of such a character as to strengthen and encourage the subordinate Councils. It is not to vast numbers we must look for strength and continued success, but to the character of the material admitted within, or out of which our arches are builded, and to whose keeping the sacred mysteries of the secret vault are committed. I take it as true that the officers of the several Councils have exercised the talents which God has given them, to leave the trusts confided to their care in better condition than when they assumed them. May there be none whose hearts accuse them of neglect. I will not attempt to portray the beauties of the degree of the Cryptic Rite, but must impress upon the officers of the subordinate Councils the duties devolving upon them to perfect themselves in the ritual, and, in justice to candidates, in never failing to give the legend, or history, (which I feel assured is often omitted) pertaining to the degrees.

"Bro. Mitchell, in his 'History of Freemasonry,' says: 'We assert, without fear of successful contradiction, that, according to the American system, no man can understand or properly appreciate the Master's degree without receiving the legend—the history of Masonry—as now given in the Council of Royal and Select degrees.' He further says that, 'Without the legend is given in a Council, it is utterly impossible for the Master, or Royal Arch Mason, to understand and properly appreciate the teachings of Freemasonry.'

"Grand Master C. K. Francis, in an address before the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, truly said: 'The candidate, when he receives the degree of Master Mason, learns that the "Word" for which he had searched is lost, and he receives only a "Substitute." In the Royal Arch degree the "Word," long lost, is found. In the degrees of Royal and Select Master, the explanation is given of how the "Word" was lost, how it was found, the way it was preserved, and its meaning. The process by which the restoration of the "Word" was accomplished is known only to those who have received the degrees of Royal and Select Master.'"

The Grand Recorder reports a balance in the treasury of $64 50. Charters were ordered issued to the three Councils U. D. upon their complying with the law. The following resolution was continued in force until the next Annual Assembly :—

"*Resolved*, That the Most Puissant Grand Master be requested to proceed to ascertain which of the subordinate Councils were existing, and whose charters had not been forfeited and revoked at the time of the last Assembly of this Grand Council, and take the necessary steps to reorganize and go to work under their charters.

"*Second.* That all Royal and Select Masters, made in Councils appended to the Chapters of this State, may be healed in such constitutional modes as the Most Puissant Grand Master may direct; and, when so healed, may apply for affiliation with such Councils as they may select.

"*Third.* That the Most Puissant Grand Master take the legal steps to cut off and revoke the charters of all Councils that do not reorganize, go to work, and comply with the provisions of the Constitution in making returns and paying dues.

"*Fourth.* That the dues of Councils which are in arrears at the time of the adoption of the plan of consolidation, and whose charters were not forfeited or revoked at the time, be remitted, provided they promptly make returns and pay dues for the ensuing year."

We are pleased to see that our companions of the Cryptic Rite in Arkansas are up and doing, and we wish them the highest meed of success in the good work they are doing. There is no Report on Correspondence. There are eighteen subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 319.

The *M.·. P.·.* D. D. LEACH was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* J. A. HENRY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

The seventieth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Hartford on the seventh day of May, 1888,—the *M.·. P.·.* JAMES H. WELSH, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. E.·.* JOSEPH K. WHEELER being Grand Recorder. Eighteen subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief, and confined to the recital of his few official acts. He congratulates his companions upon the fact that they meet with unbroken ranks, and reports that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and while there has not been large accessions to their numbers, yet there has been a healthy growth and a fair degree of prosperity has attended their labors. All which is pleasant to know, and we trust this prosperity may long attend our companions of Connecticut. He had not been called upon to render any decisions upon points at issue, and his official acts were not of a character to undermine an average New England constitution.

The reports of the Deputy Grand Master, *T.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, give a good account of the condition of the subordinate Councils visited by them, and of the proficiency of the officers in the work.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance to new account of $29 72.

This Grand Council fines its subordinates if not represented in Annual Assembly, and one delinquent was mulcted in the sum of ten dollars for past sins of omission, and ordered to show cause why its treasury should not be depleted to a like extent for non-representation at the present session.

Fancy the howls of indignation that would rend the air if our Grand Council should adopt a similar rule. We notice another peculiarity of this Grand Council, viz.: When a companion has been a Royal and Select Master in good standing for thirty years, he is no longer considered worthy of paying

dues, but is relegated to the free list. A few of the old fossils of our jurisdiction would be exempt under this rule, but none of them as yet have manifested a disposition to be placed upon the retired list.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that they had nothing to report. The Committee on Charters reported that no calls for charters had been made upon them, and the Committee on By-Laws reported that the Councils had a sufficient stock on hand to last them for some time to come.

Comp. WILLIAM WALLACE LEE submitted the Report on Correspondence, which was ordered to be printed, notwithstanding its presentation in that form. Comp. LEE is what the Greeks call a "broth of a boy;" knows a joke when he sees it without butting his brains out against it, and can take as well as give punishment in that line. We make the following extract from his exordium, in order to give our readers a taste of his quality:—

"The preface to a book is to be written last, to be read first; its object being to point out the merits and beauties of the work for fear they should escape the attention of the general reader. This I shall not do, but will leave it to you, as did the preacher who said, 'my text is in the Bible; those who read it most will find it first' I remember reading once of a fellow who in a revival had been brought into the fold, who had been the possessor of an unsavory reputation, in fact was considered a petty thief, accused of marauding and plundering orchards, gardens, etc. After his conversion, in relating some of his experiences, he told how he had one night started on one of his expeditions and just about as he was to enter the premises there came forcibly to his mind that passage of Scripture, 'The dog will bite a thief at night,' and it impressed him to such a degree, that he abandoned his intended raid and returned to his home like an honest man. In preparing this report, I have endeavored to bear in mind another passage of about the same kind of scripture, 'don't bite off more than you can chew,' but in spite of my best efforts to curtail it, the thing has kept on growing and I fear you will say, 'your chew is too big.' Well, bite off little or much, as you choose."

We'll chew it over awhile and see how much we can swallow.

Under the head of "Alabama," he says:—

"That 'Mississippi plan' must be a weapon of long range and great destructive power to reach over into Alabama and knock the life out of their Grand Council. Better tell the truth, and say that Masonry in all its branches is suffering the natural results of excessive tinkering and overmuch legislation."

The "Mississippi Plan," thank the stars, is dead! dead!! dead!!! and only the stench of its putrid cadaver has strength to knock the life out of anything. Give Alabama time; she is only weak from inhaling the odor of the offensive carcass, and will come out all right with a little nursing. Of California, he says:—

"The proceedings show that with one exception every subordinate is in good working condition, and the Rite there can be considered fairly prosperous, although in that great State there are only nine Councils with less than one thousand members. This seems out of proportion in a State where membership in Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies run into several thousands. Evidently there is a large field for missionary work for Cryptic Masonry."

True, too true, Comp. LEE; but alas! the missionaries are scarce, and their faith like a grain of mustard seed. "Come over and help us."

Under the head of "Ohio," he says:—

"The Correspondence Report is by S. STACKER WILLIAMS, in which he says my answer to DRUMMOND, in defining what is a lawfully made Mason, is hardly an answer. Well, that shows how great minds differ; some have said it was correct, A No. 1, etc. Will WILLIAMS tell us what he considers a lawfully made Mason? He says on the question of conferring degrees on Sunday, I am alone; well, that don't worry me. Nearly forty years ago I began my exercise of the right of voting

by espousing a cause that was in a hopeless minority. I have lived to see that minority grow to a majority, and the nation has thereby been lifted to a higher civilization and a diviner life; some of those who are so sensitive on that matter should read from the Book of the Law, MARK, second chapter, twenty-seventh verse; also MATTHEW, twenty-third chapter, twenty-fourth verse. My private opinion is that it would do them good to read the whole chapter."

We are opposed to conferring degrees on Sunday, because public opinion is decidedlyopposed to secular labor on the Sabbath, and it is useless to deny that the respectability and good standing in the community of any institution is governed entirely by public opinion. We are of the opinion that Comp. LEE's quotations from the Book of the Law would have more effect if taken from the Bible from which he quotes in his opening remarks.

Under the head of "General Grand Council," he treats us to a long, rambling dissertation upon the attitude of *himself* and the Grand Council of Connecticnt towards the G. G. C., which is a singular combination of common sense, irreverence and sophistry. He goes for Grand Master PINCKARD with texts of Scripture as weapons, and has even the assurance to irreverently allude to our DRUMMOND light as a *blind guide*. Comp. AUSTIN, of Indiana, wishes to know what the grip of "B. A." is. To which Comp. LEE responds:—

"PINCKARD says the grip of B. A. means 'both asses.' Well, AUSTIN, we shall have to submit to PINCKARD'S superior wisdom; he evidently knows more about asses than both of us; probably been with them more."

Here and there in his disjointed, desultory argument, a ray of common sense gleams forth, like a diamond lost in a dung-heap, as witness the following:—

"My observation is that every man's conception of GOD, is the reflex of his own character. If he be harsh, arbitrary and cruel, his GOD is personified on the same general plan; if ceremonious and formal, his GOD partakes of the same character; if loving, sympathetic and humane, those traits will be manifested in the GOD he adores."

We would be glad to convert Comp. LEE from the error of his ways, but—"EPHRAIM is wedded to his idols; let him alone."

There are twenty-one subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 2,195.

The *M.·. P.·.* JOHN P. WEIR was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* JOSEPH K. WHEELER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

This Grand Council held its thirty-sixth Annual Assembly in the city of Chicago on the twenty-fourth day of October, 1888,—the *M.·. P.·.* NATHANIEL BOWDITCH, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* GIL W. BARNARD being Grand Recorder. Several subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is largely devoted to an account of his visits to the subordinate Councils, and to this important part of his duty he appears to have given more than usual attention. He visited twenty-four of the twenty-nine Councils and reports upon their condition in detail.

We infer from his report that the Cryptic Rite in Illinois is in a fairly prosperous condition, and is making good progress. His antagonism to the General Grand Council crops out occasionally, but we can afford to smile at these little ebullitions of harmless wrath and pass them by without comment.

We fully concur in the following:—

"There can be no doubt that official visitations by the Grand Master or a zealous and efficient deputy, will be productive of great and lasting benefit to the Craft, and the practice can be wisely and profitably continued.

"The beneficial results of this policy are already apparent. But much more might have been accomplished. The harvest would have been greater if the reapers were more numerous. Most Councils have within themselves all the elements necessary to a popular and prosperous existence if they could—as they ought to be—called into action.

"I can hardly recall the case of a Council struggling to maintain an existence or actually dormant, whose conditions and prospects might not have been immediately and permanently improved if a few of the members—in some cases a single companion—had taken the initiative, put their shoulders to the wheel and success would have followed their efforts as a matter of course. Too much is expected of the Grand Officers. These beautiful degrees are too valuable and necessary to the earnest, thoughtful, philosophical Mason to be permitted—even in a single instance—to drop into an undeserved obscurity."

He decided that a Council could not confer the Cryptic degrees gratuitously upon one who, at the time he petitioned for the Chapter degrees, was charged and paid, an extra fee for the Royal and Select Master's degrees, then conferred in an appurtenant Chapter Council. Also that a Council of Royal and Select Masters could not be legally opened for the transaction of business unless nine members were present; and that it was only necessary that a companion should be a Royal Arch Mason in good standing to enable him to apply for the Cryptic degrees. To all which we agree.

Four dispensations were granted for the formation of new Councils.

The committee to whom was referred the Address of the Grand Master, in closing their report, say:—

"In conclusion, your committee cannot refrain from alluding to the undertone which pervades all that part of the Grand Master's Address relating to 'Visitations,' whereby it would seem that, notwithstanding the bright coloring of the high lights of the picture, considerable 'inactivity' exists in a very large number of the Councils of this State. Your committee believe that this result is in no way attributable to official neglect, but arises from causes wholly outside of the range of official duties, yet as the fact remains and continues to confront us, your committee renews its recommendations of former years and suggests some adequate action on the part of this Grand Council."

Illinois feels sorely aggrieved at the action of the General Grand Council in ignoring those who received the Cryptic degrees in Royal Arch Chapters, but so long as a way has been provided for the healing of these lame ducks, we see no cause of complaint. Let Illinois come in and unite with the great majority of her sisters in upholding the dignity and integrity of the Cryptic Rite, and stop her childish and pettish complainings. It is useless to "kick against the pricks." The General Grand Council is a fixed fact, comprising in its organization a large majority of the Royal and Select Masters in the country, who have the welfare of the Rite at heart and are determined to uphold it. Illinois must either keep up with the procession or clear the track.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of eighty-five cents.

A resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a Grand Lecturer.

The thanks of the Grand Council were tendered to *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master BOWDITCH for his untiring zeal in behalf of the Cryptic Craft, and the sum of seventy-five dollars was appropriated for the purpose of procuring a suitable jewel to be presented to him during the recess of the Grand Council.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. L. R. JEROME,

and is a well written review of the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils, California for 1888 being of the number.

With regard to the decision of Grand Master FIELD relative to the standing of Royal and Select Masters who had received the degrees in Chapters, he says:—

"The conclusion was correct, notwithstanding the premises were faulty, viz.: The Grand Council of Illinois owes no allegiance to the General Grand Council and never will until a more liberal spirit becomes apparent in that body. We notice, however, that the Grand Council took no action in the matter, being doubtless unwilling to offend the governing body to which it had yielded its obedience."

Of course "the conclusion was correct," and for that reason the committee paid no further attention to it. Last year we complained of the non-receipt of the proceedings of Illinois, and asked what was the matter with the Grand Recorder. Comp. JEROME replies:—

"We think there is nothing the matter with our Grand Recorder. The printed transactions were promptly sent as soon as received. Our Grand Recorder has no means of telling whether they were received or not, as he says that in the course of eleven years' correspondence with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of California he has never received an acknowledgment of the receipt of any transactions mailed to him. We would suggest that the companion make strict search through his office, when we doubt not the missing documents will be found and applied to their destined use."

If the proceedings were sent they never reached this office. We have no time to spare in writing acknowledgments of proceedings received. This acknowledgment we give in our Reports on Correspondence. If we get them, they are reviewed, if we do not get them we *kick*.

Again Comp. JEROME says:—

"From this conclusion, to-wit: that 'the General Grand Council is the sovereign and governing body of the Cryptic Rite," we most emphatically demur. We regard it as a large charity to accord it what companion MEYER says of it. 'We do not care what name it uses, it may call itself the General Grand Council of the Universe, yet that will not give it any more power than it has at present. We recognize in it a sister Grand Council to which certain of our sister Grand Councils have surrendered a portion of their sovereignty and for which they are willing to pay tribute.' Indeed, *we* claim that the General Grand Council has no legal standing at all, being a syndicate of self-constituted judges; a body without a char er, which can only lay claim to sovereignty by the unanimous suffrages of all the governing bodies of the Cryptic Rite in the United States.

"That is just what we advise, viz.: that the constitution be at once amended. In no other way can the body with the long name exist in this free country. 'The sober second thought of the companions in most of the jurisdictions is causing them to feel disgusted with the narrow arrogance of the would-be governing body. And we care not how well the companion is 'heeled,' we stand for 'God and the right,' and are not afraid of king, prince, potentate or 'any other man.'"

Take warning, Comp., from the fate of the bull that butted the locomotive. He was a bold fellow, and didn't care a tinker's —— for "King, Prince, Potentate or any other man;" yet he was reduced to mince meat before he had time to realize that his insignificant carcass was no obstacle in the path of progress traveled by the iron horse. The great trouble with our Illinois companions is that they insist that the tail shall wag the dog; that they are right, and all the constituents of the General Grand Council are wrong; let Illinois run the institution and all will be well. But this cannot be. The General Grand Council will pursue the even tenor of its way, and when Illinois gets over her pet, and is willing to listen to reason, perhaps she may be received into the councils of the elect and healed, after being purged of her heresies.

The twenty-nine Councils of this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of 2,210.

The *M.·. P.·.* GEORGE M. MOULTON was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* GIL. W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

The thirty-third Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Indianapolis on the sixteenth day of October, 1888,—the *M.·. P.·.* HENRY W. MORDHURST, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* JOHN M. BRAMWELL being Grand Recorder. Forty-one subordinate Councils were represented-

The Address of the Grand Master is an ably prepared and interesting paper, detailing clearly his official acts, and giving a good report of the Rite in that jurisdiction.

He reports that no member of the Grand Council had been summoned by death during his term, but he pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of several illustrious companions of other jurisdictions who had laid down the burden of life since the last Annual Assembly. He granted one dispensation for the formation of a new Council, and arrested the charters of two for non-payment of dues and general debility. He also infused new life into a comatose Council, which rallied, went to work, and is now, he says, "flourishing like several green bay trees."

In this connection, he says:—

"I cannot dismiss this subject without a word of special commendation for the Recorder of this Council, who assisted his Master so faithfully in saving their charter. His name is JAMES H. LUTHER, and his age is seventy-five years."

Under the head of "Grand Council of Illinois," he says: "Early in November I received a circular from the Grand Council of Illinois, in reference to action taken by the General Grand Council as regards Chapter-made Cryptic Masons, and asked me to present the subject for your consideration." He then explained the matters which formed the basis of Illinois' complaint, and says:—

"The action had by the General Grand Council on the subject—relative to Royal and Select Masters made in Royal Arch Chapters—has been actually or virtually affirmed by all Grand Councils, even by those who are not constituents of the same, yet who had not surrendered jurisdiction to Chapters, and even the 'mergers,' on returning to the Council system, have seen the necessity of some sort of healing for those made under the Chapter *regime*. What this 'healing' should consist in has always been a somewhat disputed question. Re-obligating has been and is the commonest mode of procedure. Probably no one would seriously object to the doctrine that 'whatever may have been done under Chapter-merging has been healed by the Grand Council recognizing the companions so previously irregularly made.'

"The Grand Council of Illinois has heretofore adopted resolutions threatening non-intercourse with Grand Councils who should refuse to recognize their Chapter-made material. I have taken pains to read the proceedings of the several Grand Councils, with special reference to action had by any of them detrimental to the interests of the Grand Council of Illinois, and am unable to discover the least cause for complaint. To illustrate what little reason there actually was for the issuing of the circular sent out by this Grand Council, and that its threat of an edict of non-intercourse has been premature and unjustifiable, I have only to quote the language of their Grand Master, who says:

"'I have no information, personally or officially, that any Royal and Select Master who received the degrees in a Chapter-Council in this State, under the authority delegated to it by the Grand Council of Illinois, has ever been denied

admission to a Council, or refused recognition in consequence of that fact in any of the Grand Jurisdictions of the world.'

"The Grand Council of Illinois has returned to the Council system (the claim that they never abandoned the same is not admitted by anyone outside their jurisdiction) and no one will be disposed to quibble with them as to their mode of legalizing the work of the Chapter. This having been done, the laws on the subject of Chapter-made Cryptics, passed by Grand Councils and General Grand Council, *no longer apply*.

"The whole matter, however, should properly come before the General Grand Council, and unless presented with the intention of inducing disloyalty to the General Grand Body, I do not see the object of asking us to take further action. The laws of the General Grand Council are our laws.

"It may only be said in conclusion that it is true, as quoted in their circular, that 'a lawful made Mason is one who is made or receives the degrees of Masonry (in any branch) according to the laws of the jurisdiction in which such Mason is made,' *providing, always*, 'that the fundamental laws of the fraternity, which are superior to the laws of any jurisdiction, have not been violated.' Should the Grand Council of Illinois decide to confer the Council degrees immediately after the Master's—as was proposed in that Grand Council in 1886—does any one suppose that other Grand Councils would allow such innovation by permitting such alleged Cryptics to visit their subordinates?"

He mentions the revival of the Grand Council of Mississippi, where the bastard "merger," which has caused so much trouble in the Cryptic world, was born, and says :—

"I have no doubt but that our incoming Grand Master will early arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives, and I am certain to voice the sentiments of this Grand Body in saying that none will give the Grand Council of Mississippi a heartier fraternal greeting than the Grand Council of Indiana."

The Grand Treasurer reports funds on hand to the amount of $880 08.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relative to the circular issued by the Grand Council of Illinois, submitted the following report, which was concurred in :—

"That in the opinion of the committee said circular was issued hastily, and evidently without proper consideration, or it would never have appeared. Several years since, and before the organization of the General Grand Council, the Grand Council of Indiana decided that no companion receiving the Cryptic degrees under or by authority of a Chapter or Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons could be recognized as legal or received as a visitor in any Council in this jurisdiction.

"The Grand Council of Illinois having now resumed her legitimate authority, and the several Councils under her their rightful and proper work, we think heals their attempted informality and should take the whole matter out of further consideration and set the question at rest."

The same committee also reported in favor of conferring the Superexcellent Masters' degree, that degree having been recognized by the General Grand Council.

A first-rate Report on Correspondence was submitted by Comp. ALBERT P. CHARLES, reviewing the proceedings of the various Grand Councils in a thorough and courteous manner. California for 1888 receives a generous share of his attention. With reference to Grand Master FIELD's recommendation that the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work be appointed instead of elected, he says :

"Our experience in this jurisdiction has been such that we have made several of our appointive officers elective, and we find it better for the Craft. In looking over the list of officers who have served since the formation of the Grand Council of California, we observe that the system of promotion or rotation in office prevails there as in other jurisdictions. By making offices appointive instead of elective, the responsibility of selecting future Grand Masters is thrown upon the presiding officer instead of the Grand Council. Our experience, for we have been there, to

say nothing of our observation, teaches us that Grand Masters are very human, and a friend receives the benefit of the appointment, and in the course of events receives the suffrages of the companions for advancement. And it often happens that the selection is not that of the fittest."

It appears to us that the Grand Master, for his own sake, would be likely to select the most competent companion for so important an office, regardless of personal friendship.

Having stated in our report as Grand Recorder last year that there was no law authorizing our Grand Master to grant dispensations, Comp. CHARLES propounds the question:—

"Has your Grand Master no prerogatives, Comp. CASWELL? Has he no inherent rights as head of the Craft that permit him to sow dispensation broadcast? We fear for your orthodoxy, companion, when you insinuate that your Grand Master is bound by the meshes of a law in the matter of dispensations."

We will state that in this jurisdiction the Grand Master has no prerogatives except such as are given him by the Constitution. In the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, the powers of the Grand Master and Grand High Priest are strictly defined, and the purposes for which they may grant dispensations are definitely enumerated. In the Constitution of the Grand Council this provision was overlooked, but it has been customary, where the Constitution of the Grand Council fails to provide for any emergency, to follow the law of the Grand Lodge. Upon the question of inherent prerogatives, we are decidedly heterodox.

Of our report, he says:—

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Comp. CASWELL, Grand Recorder, and embraces a review of the proceedings of eighteen sister jurisdictions, Indiana for 1887 among the number.

"The reports of Comp. CASWELL are always readable, his criticisms just. We feel that they always will because he 'totes fair.' We agree with him on the Illinois method of letting their light shine. Stir up the Grand Council until it will publish its proceedings as becomes such a jurisdiction.

"Comp. CASWELL believes in the right of an installed officer to resign 'for good and sufficient reasons.' That has always been the law in this jurisdiction, and much have we been wrestled with for holding such heretical views."

We always intend to "tote fair," Comp. CHARLES, and never fail to uphold what we believe to be right and denounce that which we are convinced is wrong.

In closing his excellent report, Comp. CHARLES says:—

"The record of another year is closed, and as we turn from our finished task, it is with pleasant impressions of the agreeable hours we have spent with our companions of the corps reportorial. The arguments, the criticisms, the learning and research displayed, the history written, have all in turn amused, enlightened and convinced. The cheering tidings they have brought of the general prosperity of the Cryptic Rite, shows that each year is getting on a firmer basis, and that its merits and beauties only need to be known to insure its preservation. And now, on this balmy autumn day, with the golden red nodding in the breeze, the foliage clothed in glorious tints, we turn the last leaf and say, adieu."

There are forty-one subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 1,864.

The *M.·. P.·.* GEO. T. JONES was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* JOHN M. BRAMWELL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

This Grand Council held its Annual Assembly at Junction City, on the fourteenth day of February, 1888,—the *M.·. P.·.* GEORGE W. POST, Grand

Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* JOHN H. BROWN being Grand Recorder. Eight subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his Annual Address, states that nothing has occurred during the year to mar the harmony and good fellowship existing in the past. His official acts were few; no grievances had been brought to his notice, and no judicial complications had arisen to vex his soul with mental exertion.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $343 80.

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted, reducing the fees for the degrees from ten to five dollars.

The Committees on Jurisprudence and Grievances reported that no business claimed their attention.

The Grand Recorder, from the Committee on Correspondence, reported as follows:—

"Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence respectfully report that in view of the fact that it has never been deemed advisable by this Grand Council to incur the expense of printing a general review of the proceedings of other Grand Councils, none has been prepared for this year. No new Grand Councils have been formed since our last Annual Assembly, hence there is nothing in this direction to report."

We fear that Comp. BROWN is becoming weary in well-doing in his old age, as he not only fails to prepare a Report on Correspondence, but even neglects to foot up his returns of subordinate Councils. We find, however, by careful computation, that there are nine subordinates, having a total membership of 330.

The *M.·. P.·.* JAMES SNEDDEN was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* JOHN H. BROWN was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Council held its Annual Assembly in the city of Louisville on the fifteenth day of October, 1888,—the *M.·. P.·.* HENRY B. GRANT, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* LORENZO DOW CRONINGER being Grand Recorder. Thirteen subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is very lengthy, covering seventeen pages of the Annual. He reports the deaths of the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Comp. R. G. GARDINER, and ROB. MORRIS, Past *T.·. I.·. M.·.* Fraternal tributes are paid to their memory.

The work of the year is presented in detail, and it appears that the Grand Master has had rather a lively term of office, if we may judge from the number of letters he has written. He says: "My correspondence has been, as one *T.·. I.·. M.·.* expressed it, 'persistent,' and my letter-book shows considerably over two hundred pages, copies of official letters. As much more was written and no copies preserved." We were not aware that *cacæthes scribendi* prevailed in Kentucky to such a fearful extent.

Three dispensations were granted for the formation of new Councils. He also authorized eight dormant Councils to resume labor. He says:—

"There are others which seem to be awakening into life, and I doubt not that within a twelve month they will have vitality which will lead to activity.

"Petitions for several new Councils will be sent to my successor at an early day—among them a Council at Ashland, or Catlettsburg, and one at Madisonville.

"To several Councils I have granted dispensations to elect officers.

"This new law is charming. I deem it most excellent and wise. It enables a Council to cast off its inactive officers, and put forward companions who have the time and will devote some of it to work in earnest.

"The outlook is cheering, but it will fill the hands of the Grand Master to lead the Craft to a grand success. I bespeak for him your hearty co-operation, and trust that the courtesy of response to his communications will at least be accorded."

The following decisions are reported:—

"*Wingate* Council, No. 35, became defunct by arrest of charter in 1885, having made no return since 1876. Yet the Committee on Credentials reported a companion as the representative of that Council, and the report was adopted at our last Annual Assembly. After the Grand Council closed the Grand Recorder directed attention to the fact, and asked whether or not the name of the companion, as the representative of this (defunct) Council should be omitted.

"*Held:* That the Grand Master can not set aside the action of the Grand Council, but, like every companion, is governed by its laws and edicts. The report as adopted must stand.

"My opinion was asked whether or not the full ceremony of opening was essential. Being present in the Council as a member, I declined to give an official decision, but suggested that the *T.·. I.·. M.·.* exercise his own judgment.

"I am of the opinion, however, that as we have a ritual it should be observed, and that a Council should never be declared opened and closed 'without ceremony;' that it should be opened or closed at every meeting according to the prescribed forms."

A large portion of his Address is devoted to a bitter tirade against General Grand Bodies in general and the General Grand Council in particular. We do not propose to notice it farther than to say that the General Grand Council can take care of itself, and heeds such attacks about as much as the pyramids heed the sand-storms that rage around them.

In conclusion, he says:—

"Some of the old Councils appear to be, as Comp. R. S. COLEMAN, *D. D. G. M.*, puts it:—

"'Beyond any hope of resuscitation even by the most persevering efforts of artificial respiration, smelling salts or what-not. They are too dead for the morgue, and I don't think they are even in danger of the resurrection – ist.'

"I am not discouraged—not a bit of it. The outlook is promising, but it will require patience and hard, continued labor to bring the rite up to the elevated place it deserves, and which it ought to be our pride and determination to make it occupy.

"A number of the old Councils are on the eve of resuming work. Two or more new ones will be formed during the year upon which we are about to enter—and with our earnest co-operation my successor will be able to achieve excellent success."

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's Address, in concluding their report, say:—

"The zeal and industry exhibited by the Grand Master are worthy of the highest appreciation from the Grand Council, and are earnestly commended, not only to the emulation of other office-bearers in this Grand Council, but also to the officers of subordinate Councils."

The compliment is well deserved. Comp. GRANT has proved himself a zealous and efficient worker in all the departments of Masonry, and were it not for his hostility to the General Grand Council would be a perfect ashlar in the Temple. We suppose, however, that every man must have his hobby, and Comp. GRANT'S is about as harmless as most of them.

In a case where the *T.·. I.·. M.·.* of a Council communicated the degrees to several companions, the Committee on Jurisprudence report as follows:—

"It appears that in the case cited by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, all the companions had regularly petitioned, and had been elected to receive the degrees, but owing to the inability to get a quorum, the Thrice Illustrious Master, deeming them cases of emergency, and knowing of no law prohibiting it, proceeded to communicate the degrees.

"Your committee are of the opinion that the power to authorize the communication of degrees should be vested only in the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and that no officer of a subordinate Council should perform this duty except by his express authority. In such case only should companions receiving the degrees by communication be enrolled as members of the Councils to which they have been elected. Therefore we concur in the decision of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, that the companions in the cases cited should be formally healed in open Council before they are reported as members."

The committee to whom was referred that portion of Grand Master FISK's Address last year recommending a union with the General Grand Council, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

"That this Grand Council is a sovereign and independent Body, and it does not desire to surrender its sovereignty and independence to the General Grand Council, or any other Body, unless it could see more benefits to be derived from such union than have been developed thus far in the organization of the General Grand Council.

"That the funds required to support the General Grand Council, as well as that required to pay a representative to attend the Triennial Assemblies, can better be used in the promotion and building up of the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction.

"The committee could give divers and other reasons for a refusal to unite with the General Grand Council, but deem these sufficient at this time."

The immediate disintegration of the General Grand Body may now be expected.

Comp. JAMES W. STATON submitted an able Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of all the Grand Councils received by him, including those of California for 1888. He quotes the decision of *M.·. P.·.* Comp. FIELD, as follows:—

"A companion who received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in a Royal Arch Chapter in the State of Illinois, and afterwards joined a Council in the same State on a certificate from the Chapter, asks if he would be entitled to visit a Council in this State. I replied that if he was now a member in good standing of a legally constituted Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Illinois, they having a Grand Council owing allegiance to the General Grand Council of the United States, were competent judges of the qualifications of their own members, and, in my opinion, he was entitled to all the rights and privileges accorded to visitors in any Council in this State."

Upon which he thus comments:—

"If we understand the language above quoted, we take it that a visitor who has received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters under the jurisdiction of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons cannot be recognized unless he belongs to a regular Council holding under a Grand Council, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council. If such is the meaning, we beg leave to dissent from any such opinion. Will the Grand Master be kind enough to tell us why the visitor is any better Royal and Select Mason belonging to a Council under the jurisdiction of a Grand Council acknowledging allegiance to the General Grand Council, than one not holding such allegiance? Unfortunately for this visitor the Grand Council of Illinois *does not hold allegiance* to the General Grand Council, and from the tone of a paper now before us, we are inclined to think it will be quite late when it does do so."

We are not entitled to speak for Past Grand Master FIELD, and can only express our individual opinion. The fact that there are regular Grand Councils, not allegiant to the General Council of the United States is indisputable,

and there is no power inherent in that Grand Body to force them to such allegiance, or to declare them irregular for refusing to become its constituents. We are of the opinion therefore that the words in the decision of Grand Master FIELD above quoted, "owing allegiance to the General Grand Council of the United States," should have been omitted. If a companion applies for admittance to one of our Councils, who can prove that he is a member in good standing of a legally constituted Council of Royal and Select Masters, that should be sufficient for us. We need not stop to inquire whether he was made upon the highest hills or in the lowest vales; the fact that he is a member in good standing of a just and legally constituted Council, held under the authority of a recognized Grand Council, should open to him the doors of any Council of Royal and Select Masters in the world. On the other hand, if he has received his Cryptic degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter and has never affiliated with any regular Council, then, we say, bolt the doors and put up the shutters, until the applicant can show a clean bill of health from some competent *healer*. These are our private sentiments, publicly expressed, and we think they are just.

Comp. STATON has a good word to say of the writer and his report, for which he has our thanks. In this connection he says:—

"Comp. CASWELL is wonderfully infatuated with the General Grand Council, and of course quotes Grand Master FISK's remarks, in his Address, on the subject of union with the General Grand Council, and says he trusts he will be able in his next report to count the Grand Council of Kentucky as a constituent of that Body. Sorry we can't agree with our distinguished companion on this General Grand Council business, but we will not argue the question now, as the matter will be fully presented at the coming Assembly of the Grand Council, at which time we shall hope to have our say on paper as well as by word of mouth."

We would assure Comp. STATON that we are not "infatuated" with the General Grand Council, but we honestly believe that the interests of Cryptic Masonry would be greatly enhanced by the united efforts of all the Cryptic authorities under this General Head. But as we claim the right to entertain our own ideas and express our own opinions, we willingly concede the same right to others, and while we would like to see all the Grand Councils in one harmonious union, Kentucky and Comp. STATON can do as they please about it. *Selah.*

"It occurs to us that there was rather an anomalous proceeding had in the installation of the Grand Officers. The record shows that a 'Most Illustrious *Past Master*' presided, while a 'Most Illustrious *Past Grand Master*' acted as Grand Marshal. We know that in the organization of Grand Bodies that irregularities are frequently submitted to in the installation of the Grand Officers, simply because of the inconvenience of procuring a proper installing officer, but with five Past Grand Masters present it seems to us as somewhat irregular."

We can see no irregularity in the above proceeding. The *M.·. Ill.·. Past Master* certainly had a right to install the officers if invited to do so, notwithstanding the presence of a *M.·. Ill.·. Grand Master* who, in his turn, had a perfect right to act as Grand Marshal or Grand Sentinel if he chose. It is just possible, however, that the *M.·. Ill.·.* P. M. was the ablest man of the two and was selected for that reason. We remember in the early days of the rush of gold-seekers to California, a Down-East argonaut wrote to his father:—

"DEAR POP:—Shut up shop and come right out here to once; here's your chance; *mighty mean men git into office out here.*"

And thus it is under our system of rotation; "mighty mean men get into office" sometimes, whom we would not like to see perform the ceremony of installation or any other, especially if the ceremony was a public one. We do not wish to cast any reflections on this particular *M.·. Ill.·.* Past Grand, nor do we recite the above incident to point anybody's moral or adorn anybody's tale, but simply to illustrate "what might have been." There is much in this really interesting report that we would gladly notice, but we have already given to Kentucky all the space we can afford and must stop. We are pleased to see that Comp. STATON is continued as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. In his conclusion, he says:—

"In commencing this report we had thought there was little to write about, but we found more than we had supposed. Like most reports written for the first time on a new subject, it is not altogether as satisfactory as we could wish, but it is the best we could do under the circumstances.

"We have endeavored to state our views candidly, but without any intention to offend any one, and we hope if any one shall find anything which seems to be harsh, that they will not take offense, for our candid nature makes us appear harsh sometimes when no offense is intended. This is our first report on Cryptic Masonry, and the probability is that it may be our last. So having just been introduced to our companions of the quill, we may have to bid them farewell with the same breath."

Eighteen subordinate Councils made returns, showing an aggregate membership of 657.

The *M.·. P.·.* HUGH PORTER MCILVAIN was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* LORENZO DOW CRONINGER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

This Grand Council held its thirty-fourth Annual Assembly in the city of Portland on the second day of May, 1888,—the *M.·. P.·.* CHARLES W. HANEY, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* STEPHEN BERRY acting as Grand Recorder. Eleven subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is confined to matters of local interest. He says:—

"My official duties for the past year have been very light. No grievances have been brought before me, no questions of Masonic law have been submitted for decision, and, I am pleased to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction."

From the reports of the visiting Grand Officers we learn that the subordinate Councils are prosperous, and with few exceptions had work to do, and did it well. The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of $242 25 on the right side of the ledger. The Grand Recorder made his usual report of two lines, in which are expressed more than many Grand Recorders submit in as many pages. The thanks of the Grand Council were tendered to the retiring Grand Master for the fidelity and zeal displayed by him in the discharge of his duties. The Report on Correspondence is as usual from the pen of Comp. DRUMMOND, and comprises a review of the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, including those of California for 1888. Short and sweet are the words he says of us. Three lines let us out. Here they are:—

"As usual, a good degree of interest prevails; the Grand Officers are zealous and active; and the 'Order is in a flourishing condition.' Seven of the eight Councils in the State have done work, and all, save one, increased in membership."

Well, that is better than a kick, and we suppose we ought to be satisfied. Comp. DRUMMOND knows that California is all right, and he need waste no time in criticising her transactions.

Under the head of "Connecticut," he says:—

"Comp. WALLACE is gaining: he admits that there are certain fundamental laws which govern all Grand masonic Bodies, but he says each one of those bodies decides for itself what those laws are. He asks if we can go to another State and tell the people what laws to enact. No, we cannot; but if those people enact a law in conflict with the Constitution and laws of the United States and we are affected thereby, we *can* have that law declared null and void. So we cannot prescribe what laws a Grand Masonic Body shall enact, but if it enacts one in violation of the landmarks, we can refuse to recognize that body as Masonic."

Under "Massachusetts," we extract the following:—

"In his review of Illinois, Comp. DADMUN, assuming the correctness of Comp. JEROME, that the Illinois Chapter-made Royal and Select Masters were made in 'Councils under dispensation,' is inclined to recognize them. But when he comes to review Comp. PINCKARD'S history of the Illinois movement, he finds a contradiction which he calls upon Comp. Jerome to explain.

"The fact is that Comp. JEROME'S statement that these persons were made in 'Councils under dispensation' is utterly erroneous and misleading. A Council U. D. is, in the Masonic meaning of the term, well understood, and is not such a body as undertook in Illinois to confer the degrees. The Grand Council passed a general law that the first three officers of a Chapter, being Royal and Select Masters, might open a Council and confer the degrees. That is no more a Council U. D. than it would be if the Grand Council had voted that the first three officers of a Lodge of Masons, or of Odd Fellows, or *any three men*, being Royal and Select Masters, might confer the degrees; besides, the Grand Council gave the control largely to the Grand Chapter."

In conclusion, Comp. DRUMMOND says:—

"The year has been marked by progress made towards uniformity. The action of Pennsylvania is significant. The Grand Council system is substantially restored.

"The rite must stand or fall on its own merits. The Lodge and Chapter have the Council and Commandery to aid them, because all who seek either of the latter must pass through both the former: 'the Commandery, with its military display and chivalric traditions, becomes the goal of many a Masonic ambition, towards which he presses with eager heart and by the shortest way, without reference to the value or beauty of its work; the Council has no outside attractions, but relies on the beauty of its ritual and the value of its teachings.

"In most of the jurisdictions it is fairly prosperous; and in those in which it is struggling against odds, the Lodge and Chapter are struggling too; in communities in which the number of active Masons has become so reduced that the four bodies must have substantially the same officers, it is almost impossible to sustain them all. Considering all the circumstances, we can fairly say that the rite is as prosperous, as a whole, as either Capitular and Symbolic Masonry, and the present outlook is that Cryptic Masonry will rise or fall with them."

There are twelve subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 1,025. The *M.·. P.·.* ALBERT M. PENLEY was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* IRA BERRY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Annual Assembly for 1888 was held at the city of Boston on the twelfth day of December, 1888, the *M.·. P.·.* DANIEL JONES being Grand Master, the *R.·. P.·.* ALFRED F. CHAPMAN being Grand Recorder. Eighteen Councils were represented.

The Grand Master in his Address says:—

"Through the merciful kindness of the Giver of every good and perfect gift, we meet with unbroken ranks. Our Rite, for several years, in this jurisdiction, has

been blessed with prosperity, harmony and good will. Let us, therefore, render thanks to God for his kindness toward us, and devoutly pray that he will vouchsafe a continuance of his blessings."

He says the Councils are in the hands of talented and efficient officers, and the work—unexcelled in beauty and sublimity—will compare favorably with that of any department of Masonry in the jurisdiction. Under the head of "Dispensations" he says, and we concur:—

"Several requests have been made for me to set aside the requirements of the Constitution to suit the convenience of different Councils, which were not granted In my opinion, the Grand Master has no power in him vested, to give dispensations which plainly annul the provisions of our Constitution. In cases where it is desirable that dispensations should be given, the Constitution should so declare."

Evidently our *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. is no advocate of the prerogative theory. His ideas on the question of Council jurisdiction are entirely in harmony with ours. We believe in allowing applicants for degrees to apply to any Council that pleases them best. In this connection he says:—

"The Constitution requires that an applicant for degrees 'shall apply to the Council nearest to his residence.'

"I have reason to believe that this requirement prevents many companions from taking the Council degrees. The routes of travel often render a place more convenient of access than another which is much nearer. Besides, companions wish to apply to a Council where they will meet their intimate friends, although they may have to go a greater distance.

"A few years ago several companions in Newburyport desired to apply to *Salem* Council, but they were refused permission by the Council nearest to Newburyport; consequently those companions have not taken the degrees. Such cases are found throughout the State.

"I believe that the best interest of all concerned requires that every companion have a right to apply to whatever Council his preference dictates."

The Grand Treasurer reported cash on hand, $212 20.

The committee to whom was referred the circular of the Grand Council of Illinois, referred to in our review of the proceedings of 1887, submitted the following report:—

"From the statement aforesaid it appears that the Grand Council of Illinois did not surrender its control over the Cryptic degrees, and that its initiates have always been obligated to obedience to the Council, Grand and subordinate. It would therefore seem that all Royal and Select Masters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Illinois, and recognized by it as having received the degrees legitimately, are entitled to full recognition by all other Bodies of the Rite.

"Believing that it is for the best interests of the Rite to have all the Grand Councils unite with the General Grand Body, thus promoting that fraternal union from which alone can come strength, we recommend the adoption of the following:—

"*Resolved*, That our representatives to the General Grand Council be instructed to take such action as shall seem to them most likely to lead to full recognition of all Royal and select Masters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Illinois, and to the union of said Grand Body with the General Grand Council."

This is a step in the right direction, and, for the sake of harmony, we trust the General Grand Council will take the same view of the question. The "Mississippi Plan" is dead as a drowned dog, and every effort should now be directed to the establishment of peace, harmony and unanimity of feeling.

The proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils are reviewed by Comp. DADMUN in his usual able and pleasant manner. California for 1888 comes in for her customary share of attention. He quotes with approval from Grand Master FIELD's Address, and, with reference to his decision on the right of visita-

tion by a companion from Illinois, he takes substantially the same ground that we planted ourself on in our review of Kentucky. It is astonishing how the minds of great men will sometimes run in the same channel.

In commenting on the aforesaid decision, he says :—

"All right, except the clause, 'owing allegiance to the General Grand Council of the United States.' Illinois has not signified a wish to become a constituent of that Grand Body, but she has retained her State organization, set the Craft at work in regular Councils, and is the sole judge of membership rights within her own jurisdiction. Every Royal and Select Master in good standing in Illinois is entitled to recognition as such in every other Grand jurisdiction."

He further says of our humble self :—

"The Grand Recorder, Comp. CASWELL, is never found wanting in the line of his duty. Everything is made as clear as a sunbeam: 'Total increase, 54; total decrease, 27; net increase for year, 27.' Then follows a statistical table complete, showing Councils, 11; members, 901.

"And when California's indefatigable Recorder introduces his Report on Correspondence the music begins. For example, after quoting the action of Illinois in appealing to the State Grand Councils, which we noticed in our report last year, he says:

"This is a matter which the General Grand Council alone can regulate, and in our opinion, it would have been in better taste if our Illinois companions had addressed their appeal to that body rather than to the State Grand Councils. This General Grand Council is the Sovereign and Governing Body of the Cryptic Rite, and its Constitution and edicts can only be amended or revoked by its own action." * * * *

"Until the Constitution is amended, we see no remedy for the victims of the 'Mississippi Plan' but to come to the healing fountain, and have their disabilities washed away. We always go well 'heeled' ourself, so we warn the reporter from Illinois not to 'come back' at us on this question, or there'll be trouble."

"That is about equivalent to the Quaker that took off his coat, threw it down and said: 'Lay there, Quaker, until I lick that man.'

"But why should Illinois address the appeal to the General Grand Council rather than the State Grand Councils? In fact the Illinois Companions have no voice in the General Grand Body, but as a regular State Grand Council they are the equal of any other, and no body, Grand or General Grand, can deprive them of their rights; and one of those rights is to determine the question of healing. And we do not believe Comp. CASWELL, though well 'heeled,' will deprive them of that right."

It is not in our nature to deprive any man or body of men of any legitimate right they may possess, but as the action of the General Grand Council formed the basis of their complaint, and only that Grand Body can remove its cause, we thought and still think it would have been better to apply to the source of the alleged grievance first, for its redress. We trust the General Grand Council, at its next Triennial Assembly, will act in a spirit of concession and conciliation, and endeavor to remove every stumbling-block to harmony.

We are sorry to leave this excellent and most interesting report, but time is called on us.

There are twenty-two subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 3,178. The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

MINNESOTA.

The nineteenth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of St. Paul on the 8th day of October, 1888—the *M.*·. *P.*·. A. Z. LEVER-

ING, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* WILLIAM CHENEY, Grand Recorder. Six subordinate Councils were represented.

The address of the Grand Master is principally confined to matters of local interest. He reports the following decision:—

"On the 25th day of August, 1888, I received a communication from *Ill.·.* Companion R. D. Brown, T.·. I.·. M.·. of Minneapolis Council, No. 2, stating that the Recorder of his Council was under arrest for the civil crime of embezzlement, and asking my advice as to the proper course for him to pursue in the premises. I replied that a companion must be deemed innocent, until he had been proven guilty; that I was not informed that charges had been preferred against his Recorder in any Masonic Body; that until such charges were preferred his Recorder was entitled to act as Recorder; that in the absence of that officer he should act in precisely the same manner as he would act if any other officer were absent."

Of the condition of the Cryptic Craft in that jurisdiction, he says:—

"The record of the past year shows that there has been a general renewal of interest in our Cryptic Rite throughout the State. There has been work done in all the subordinate Councils, and the character of the work, so far as I have been able personally to witness it, was, in the main, very satisfactory.

"The social features have not been neglected and, banquets have been given in several of the subordinate Councils.

"The subordinate Councils are now generally conferring the degree of Super Excellent Master in full form. If I am correctly informed, this has never been attempted in this jurisdiction until within the past year. In every Council which I have visited, this degree has been conferred in ample form. The Masonic student can well afford to carefully study this degree. The lessons it teaches are wholesome and timely. Its history is replete with useful information, and its ceremony and ritual are beautiful and impressive.

"The Recorder's report will show you that 70 have passed the circle during the year, 2 have been elected to membership, 1 healed; total number, 73. The net gain in the year 1887 was 21; the net gain this year is 44.

"This shows a gratifying increase in our membership, and that the rite itself is in a flourishing condition."

He renews the old "chestnut" about making the degrees of Royal and Select Master prerequisite to the Knightly Order; an idea which may be at once abandoned as, in our opinion, it will never be realized. The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $224.81. Comp. R. H. BAKER is the author of a brief but well-written Report on Correspondence reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, California for 1888 receiving fraternal notice. He says: "There was no reference made to the attendance of any Grand Representative, in fact it looks as if Minnesota had no representative."

That is just the way it looks to us, Companion. Minnesota has now no Representative near this Grand Council. Death has summoned him to the Grand Council above. He calls our attention to a typographical error that escaped our notice. The name of the Grand Master is LEVERING, not *Severing*, as the types made us call him last year. He quotes our little screed on Comp. GRANT, of Kentucky, and asks:—"How is this for 'bitter undercurrent?'" All our undercurrents, Comp. BAKER, run smoothly over the gravelly beds of good-humor; there is no element of bitterness in them. Under the head of "Kentucky," in reviewing the report of Comp. GRANT, he says:—

"Under Maine, commenting on the "undercurrent of bitterness" matter, regarding reasons for opposition to the General Grand Council, we are of the

opinion that the illustration of the relative merits of the half-ounce ball and the half ounce of shot, is very apt, and serves to point the argument *in favor* of the G. G. C."

We will quote the argument:—

"A half ounce of lead moulded into a ball will bring down big game, but if made into No. 7 bird shot it catches the little flutterers, and only irritates the fellows that carry the horns. If we concentrate our energies into one Masonic Body we will accomplish much," etc.

"Exactly; The No. 7 shot are the different Grand Councils—the half-ounce ball the G. G. C. Isn't it better to concentrate, especially as it is big game, and big game *only*, that we are gunning for."

In conclusion, he says:—

"COMPANIONS: Our task is completed, incomplete though it be. We have not followed any defined plan in compiling the report, or formulating a table of statistics. The Rite is steadily growing; such figures as have been culled from the various proceedings show no losses, but constant gains, even in the face of the fact that a large number of Councils are clearing out their useless timber (burying their dead, in fact) and so shaping their surroundings that each may take part and assist in the general revival all along the line. The policy of waiting for 'something to turn up' is a thing of the past. From the plain statement of facts gleaned from the various Proceedings, we feel that there is much to cheer, and animate, and little to discourage.

"May the companions derive the same pleasure in the perusal of this, our 'maiden effort,' as the writer has had in the preparation of it (not venturing much on our own judgment, willing to rely on the more matured opinions of those who are eminently qualified to give them). Let us hope that, in a feeble way, some good may come of it."

There are six subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 514.

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

MISSOURI.

The twenty-third Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of St. Louis on the ninth day of May, 1888—the *M.·. P.·.* WILLIAM H. STANSBURY, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* WILLIAM H. MAYO being Grand Recorder. Five subordinate Councils were represented. The Address of the Grand Master is very brief and confined to the recital of his few official acts. In opening he says:—

"While we linger regretfully upon the border of a departing year gone from us forever to become as an atom in the ages of the past, we turn and wave a cordial welcome to another rising out of the eternity of space, bearing on its wings new hopes and new aspirations for our noble Order.

"The twenty-third year of our existence as a Grand Council has not been marked by any great stirring events; and no question of Masonic jurisprudence has arisen for legal adjustment. There have been no grievances to disturb the equanimity of the Grand Council, and, so far as has come to my knowledge, of the subordinate Councils of this jurisdiction. The white-winged dove of peace and harmony has constantly overshadowed us in our every deliberation.

"The 'grim destroyer' has dealt kindly with us, and it is almost remarkable that for two years there has not been a death of any member of this Grand Council."

We find nothing further in the address of interest to the Craft outside the jurisdiction. The Grand Master, on entering upon the discharge of his duties,

found but little to do, and did it. Everything appears to be painfully harmonious throughout the jurisdiction, and while the "white-winged dove of peace" overshadows the craft, the goose, also, appears to hang high. The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $341.49. There is no report on Correspondence. Seven subordinate Councils report an aggregate membership of 297. One Council made no returns.

The *M.·. P.·.* H. C. CHISTOPHER was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* WILLIAM H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

The thirty-first Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Trenton on the twenty-second day of January, 1888,—the *M.·. P.·.* GILBERT B. SLACK, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* CHARLES BECHTEL being Grand Recorder. Six subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master reports the death of *Ill.·.* Comp. JOHN WOOLVERTON, Grand Treasurer, who rested from his labors on the fourteenth day of September, 1888. We sympathize with our companions of New Jersey in the great loss they have sustained. The Grand Master says of him:—

"He was greeted a *S.·. M.·.* in Philadelphia Council, No. 11, on May 29th, 1860, and in the same year assisted in organizing Gebal Council, No. 3, also of this city. He was elected *T.·. Ill.·.* Master in 1867, and Treasurer in 1875, which position he held at the time of his decease. He had also served this Grand Council as Treasurer for thirteen years—a faithful and efficient officer. As a physician he was beloved; no one sought his aid, rich or poor, without gaining the full measure of his skill and sympathy. As a citizen, he was ever alive to the best interests of his fellows. Masonry he justly appreciated, and labored with rare zeal in promoting the welfare of the institution he loved so well. But he has gone to his reward, and many sorrowing hearts will long cherish the memory of this kind, self-sacrificing physician, true Mason, and firm friend."

The official acts of the Grand Master were few and call for no comment or criticism. He appears to have done all he was called upon to do with an eye single to the welfare of the Craft. The six Councils of this jurisdiction report a membership of 370. There is no Report on Correspondence. The *M.·. P.·.* GEORGE W. STEED was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* CHARLES BECHTEL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of New York on the fourth day of September, 1888,—the *M.·. P.·.* JOHN L. BROTHERS, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* GEORGE VAN VLIET being Grand Recorder. Twenty-one subordinate Councils were represented.

Upon the call of Representatives, we notice that the Representative of California, Comp. THOMAS GLIDDON, was on deck and ready for business. In his address, the Grand Master says:—

"In rendering to you an account of my official acts, I congratulate you, companions, upon the fair degree of prosperity which the Cryptic Rite in this Grand Jurisdiction has enjoyed during the year just ending. Peace and harmony reign in our midst; no disturbing elements exist that I am now aware of, and owing to this peaceful condition of our affairs, my cares and duties have neither been arduous nor exacting."

He pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of those illustrious companions who have passed from temporal to eternal life during the year, among them being the lamented Grand Chaplain, Rev. Comp. JOHN G. WEBSTER. The official acts of the Grand Master are stated in detail, but we find nothing of general interest to record. Under the head of "Welfare of the Rite," he says:—

"In presenting to your attention the importance of ceaseless energy and untiring perseverance in guarding and fostering our Rite, I can use no better or more energetic words than those of *M.·. I.·.* Companion CHARLES K. FRANCIS, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, in his Annual Address to that Grand Body on the 15th day of February last, in which he says: 'The measure of success to be attained by Cryptic Masonry will be determined by the action of the members of the Subordinate Councils. Companions! assert and maintain for the degrees of the Council the position to which they are entitled as "The Summit and Perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry."'

"Properly represent to worthy Royal Arch Masons the importance of acquiring the degrees of the Council, without which their Masonic education will remain incomplete. Elect competent officers, and support them faithfully. The greatest general cannot win victories unless sustained by brave and faithful soldiers. Even the hands of 'Moses' could not give final triumph to the army of Israel until upheld by Aaron and Hur.

"Attend regularly the stated assemblies of your Councils; learn the work, and at every assembly exemplify one of the degrees, even if there should be no candidate to initiate. 'Growth is the fruit of work, but without work decay appears, and then comes death.'"

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $170.62. The Illinois circular was referred to a special committee of three, which committee reported as follows:—

"We concur fully in the conclusions of the report of the Committee on Correspondence regarding this subject, and presented to this Grand Body at its present session—but we beg to say, further, that the question contained in said communication is one that can only be determined by the General Grand Council; and your committee therefore believe that the Grand Council of the State of New York can take no action whatever concerning this communication.

"If the Grand Council of Illinois is dissatisfied with the laws of the General Grand Council, its remedy lies in presenting its grievance by petition to the General Grand Body.

"Whatever may be said regarding the subject-matter of this communication, your committee do not lose sight of the fact that New York, even before the organization of the General Grand Council itself, refused to recognize any one as a Royal and Select Master who had not received the degrees within a Council of Royal and Select Masters, or who had not been properly healed."

M.·. P.·. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New York sends hearty congratulations to the Grand Councils of Mississippi and North Carolina, with its sincere wishes for an era of prosperity to those bodies, and that an exchange of Grand Representatives with those bodies be asked by the incoming Grand Master."

The resolution making it obligatory on the representatives of other Grand Councils to be present at the Annual Assembly was so far modified that an appearance in person, or a report in writing, forwarded to the Grand Master, previous to the Annual Assembly, shall be deemed a representation. The

secret of this modification is, that the Grand Representatives, if compelled to be present, wanted mileage and *per diem*, and the Grand Council did not think the game worth the candle.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $170.62.

An able and interesting Report on Correspondence was submitted by *M*.·. *P*.·. Comp. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, in which the proceedings of thirty Grand Councils are reviewed, as also those of the General Grand Council. The report covers forty-six pages of the annual, and is chucked right into the "bowels of the proceedings," as some companion irreverently remarked of our own reports. We believe in keeping the bowels in good order by healthful medicaments, as the best method of promoting the health of the entire system, and we are glad to find that Comp. OSGOODBY is of our school of medicine. Comp. DRUMMOND of Maine, also believes in "injections," so we are not unique in our methods, and our brother reporters will please expend a portion of their pleasantries on the two illustrious companions above mentioned, and "give us a rest."

In his introduction, Comp. OSGOODBY complains of the negligence of Grand Recorders in sending the proceedings of their respective Grand Councils to other jurisdictions for inspection and review, and we heartily join in the growl. Out of thirty Grand Councils in correspondence with the Grand Council of California, we have received the proceedings of only sixteen. Gross carelessness alone can account for the non-receipt of so large a number, and hereafter we do not propose to remember any Grand Recorder in our prayers who fails to send us the proceedings of his Grand Council regularly, be the consequences to him what they may.

Comp. OSGOODBY found it necessary to write to *eighteen* jurisdictions before he could gather the materials for his excellent report, but we have no time to spare in correspondential gymnastics, and want our brother Grand Recorders to come to time or "throw up the sponge." The review of California by our esteemed companion is genial and fraternal. He quotes the decision of Grand Master FIELD upon the question of admitting Illinois companions, and expresses substantially the same views as we have expressed under another head. He says:

"We agree with this decision, but without the provision incorporated in it, to the effect, that the Grand Council of Illinois owes allegiance to the General Grand Council of the United States, which is not the case in fact. Illinois is an independent Grand Council, owing allegiance only to the universal Cryptic law. It is, however, the judge of the qualifications of its own members, and as it has reorganized its Grand Council, adopted resolutions for the 'healing' of those who received the degrees under 'Chapter' administration, and is working right along as an independent Grand Council, free from Chapter domination, it is regular in all respects, as far as we with our light can determine, and therefore *we* decide that its present members are regular, not clandestine, and are entitled to all the privileges to which other regular companions of the Crypt are entitled."

He further says:

"Companion LEE, in his review, thinks that there is in this jurisdiction 'a large field for missionary work for Cryptic Masonry.' We agree with him. CHARLES LORD FIELD *is* a large field (in the way of ability and zeal) for missionary work, and he appears to do it well with the co-operation of the other

able and industrious workers, who fear nothing except failure, and don't seem to fear that much, judging from their past. What *field* will Companion LEE now cultivate?"

Probably a *nutmeg* field, as he hails from Connecticut.

He is pleased to speak in complimentary terms of our report, for which we say, *salaam saab*.

Under the head of "Illinois," he indulges in a lengthy and exhaustive discussion of the circular issued by that Grand Council, and its subject-matter; the status of the Rite in Illinois, past and present; the necessity and efficacy of the *healing* process, etc., in which he proves that every son of a gun in Illinois *ought to be healed* if he has not already enjoyed that pleasure, and upon boiling down all the facts in the case, he finds the following residuum:—

"1st. That our companions of Illinois having by their own action recognized the necessity of healing, and having acted upon it so as to bring all of their companions within the pale of the law that would accept thereof, the circular was not demanded in the interests of the Rite, or of any of its Companions.

"2d. That the Grand Council of Illinois having taken such proper and legal steps to heal, such action should be recognized and approved by all other jurisdictions.

"3d. That companions within the interdiction of the law as laid down by *every* independent Grand Council which did not merge, and as ratified and confirmed by the Constitution of the General Grand Council, who refuse to accept of the edict or ordinance of healing, will still remain outside of the circle of recognition.

"4th. That the conferring of the Cryptic degrees, and the status of companions who may take the same under the authority of *any* Grand Council which is free from the complication of Chapter control or action, is solely within the jurisdiction of such Grand Council, and it is the judge thereof.

"We think this is all our companions of Illinois do or can ask—all they mean to ask—and that their action was hasty and unnecessary. We give them credit for meaning to do right and to be right. If one or more of their companions of 'Chapter-Council' paternity should reject the edict, or ordinance of healing, as promulgated, and refuse acquiescence therein, we believe that this Grand Council, for the preservation of its own dignity, would itself take action to rid its membership of such contumacy, and vindicate its own power and authority in so doing.

"This question is of importance, and we have dealt with it at length in kindly feeling, and with the sole and only desire of ending any dissension which may exist."

Under all the circumstances, we do not see that our companions of Illinois had any reason whatever for issuing their *war message*. As Companion Osgoodby says, "they have created a man of straw to knock down, as far as the present condition of the Rite is concerned in their jurisdiction."

None of their tribes or families had been driven forth into the wilderness to be *healed* of their infirmities, and none were likely to be; yet for fear of accidents this "kick my dog and I'll kill your cat" circular was issued.

It reminds us of the story of the maid-servant, who, having heated the oven for the Saturday's baking, was found by her mistress, gazing into it in an agony of tears and lamentations, and after many efforts to ascertain the cause of her grief, she succeeded in eliciting the following explanation:—

"I was thinking, ma'am, that some day I might get married, ma'am, and then I might have a baby, ma'am, and the baby might get into the oven and be roasted alive, ma'am—boo-hoo!"

Any farther discussion of the question, as Mr. MANTALINI would say, would be demnition foolishness. "Let us have peace."

We regret that we are compelled to pass over so many of the good things with which this admirable report is filled. It is interesting from beginning to end, and contains more *healing* balm than balmy Gilead itself. In conclusion, Comp. OSGOODBY says:—

"Our work is done. We submit the result to our companions of the Rite. We have reviewed the Proceedings for every jurisdiction except three in this country, and those have not sent us their Proceedings. Of two of these three, we give the officers' names as sent to us by General Grand Recorder MORDHURST, leaving only one, Nebraska, unaccounted for. The general cause of Cryptic Masonry is advancing, and there is nothing to discourage the most fearful. The signs of the times indicate that the day of shadows and misgivings has passed away forever. From every direction comes news of prosperity and renewed interest in the Rite. Only one State now adheres to the plan of conferring the degrees under the consolidation which was inaugurated under the 'Merger' of 1877 and 1878, and that one we believe will soon take rank with all of the rest in a Grand Council organization, and we bespeak for those who have reorganized, and for this one when it comes in, the most friendly and fraternal greetings, the welcome that belongs to each one. Let the dead past be buried with the dead past, and nought but a lively emulation as to who shall best work and best agree be known in the years of prosperity for the Rite that is surely approaching."

"We have reviewed thirty jurisdictions in number, and covering an aggregate of proceedings of some of these for several years each. We lay down our pen with regret, for we have enjoyed the work. We send forth now the result, trusting that our companions will take the 'will' to be kindly meant in all that we have said, and the 'words' as only indicative of an earnest and sincere desire to advance the interest of the Rite. If we have in any way said aught which may appear to be harsh, consider that it was not meant in that way, and—'Finis.'"

There are twenty-four subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, but no further statistics are given.

The *M.·. P.·.* RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* GEORGE VAN VLIET was re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

The fifty-eighth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Springfield on the second day of October, 1888,— the *M.·. P.·.* D. C. WINEGARNER, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* JOHN D. CALDWELL being Grand Recorder. Forty subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in the introduction to a well-prepared Address, says:—

"Fifty-eight years ago, in the then small town of Worthington, in Franklin County, there assembled in convention eight faithful and zealous companions, representing the Councils, five in number, then in Ohio, and located in Cincinnati, Steubenville, Granville, Lancaster, and Chillicothe, and organized a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, to take the supervision of Cryptic Masonry in Ohio. With the exception of the years 1832-33 and 1851, this Grand Body has met regularly, and the wisdom of its founders and their successors has been demonstrated. The Fathers have passed away, but they have left us a rich legacy. From the beginning the interests of the Rite have been guarded with zealous care. Harmony has ever prevailed, and, though some of our Councils have grown lukewarm, and a few have fallen by the way, we justly boast one of the healthiest and most important bodies of the Rite in the world."

The address is almost entirely confined to matters of local interest. He reports the following decision, which, from its novelty, may be interesting to the craft:—

"I received a letter from Comp. ANSON L. BURKE, Recorder of Cincinnati Council, No. 1, in which he stated:—

"'At a stated assembly of Cincinnati Council, No. 1, R. and S. M., held in Masonic Temple, Cincinnati, on Monday evening, March 19, 1888, Y. D. 2888, a discussion arose as to the construction of the following amendment to article 8 of the By-laws, viz.:—

"'"All companions having been members twenty or more consecutive years of this Council, shall be exempt from payment of annual dues, and any member upon payment of thirty dollars shall thereafter be exempt from payment of annual dues."

"'The Thrice Illustrious Master decided, "That a member to be exempt from the payment of dues must have been a contributing member, and paid *in cash* dues for twenty years."'

"From this decision of the Thrice Illustrious Master, Comp. BURKE appealed to me, as Most Illustrious Grand Master. The appellant stated:—

"'My grounds for the appeal are: That the remittal of dues continues a companion a member of this Council in good standing, and was under the by-law equivalent to paying his dues. This by-law does not make it compulsory on him to pay his dues *in cash*, but he must be a member for *twenty* years in this Council.'

"In deciding this question, I had in view the well-established rule, that the remission of the annual dues of a member of a Masonic Body is equivalent to their payment; and in applying this rule, I held that it is not material whether the dues are remitted in consequence of the inability of the member to pay or for other good cause. I therefore sustained the appeal of Comp. BURKE, and reversed the decision of the Thrice Illustrious Master."

According to the letter of the law, the decision is undoubtedly correct; but we believe the framer of that by-law meant that twenty consecutive annual payments of dues should exempt a companion from further contributions. A member might have his dues remitted each year for twenty consecutive years, and on the twenty-first year he might win a prize in the Louisiana Lottery, and be abundantly able to pay, yet, under the law, he would be exempt, and he could not be compelled to pay dues which were remitted during his impecuniosity, for, as the Grand Master decides, remission is equivalent to payment; and there are those, even among Masons, who are just everlastingly mean enough to take advantage of such a condition of things. We think we should have decided that question according to the spirit of the law, and not the letter. It is a foolish law, and should be repealed.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $666.35. The Committee on "Returns and Good of the Order," in their report, say:—

"The growth, as exhibited by some Councils, is an excellent illustration of the good effect of personal visitations, and your Committee cannot refrain from again referring to the subject, and asking the active support of this Grand Council in continuing that system."

The Committee on Grievances reported that no cloud dimmed the peaceful horizon of Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction.

To certify that the report on Correspondence is *par excellence* the report of the season, it is only necessary to mention the fact that it was prepared by that master of the art of composition, and prince of good fellows, Comp. S. STACKER

WILLIAMS, who gives twenty-three Grand Councils the benefit of his intelligent criticisms and fraternal comments. His notice of California is kindly and genial, as usual. He says Grand Master FIELD's address shows that he well and faithfully discharged his duties, a statement which, were Comp. WILLIAMS called upon to substantiate by affidavit, he would commit no perjury. He quotes the decision of *M.·. P.·.* Comp. FIELD, on the case of the weary pilgrim from Illinois who sought to get into good company, upon which he comments as follows:—

"Now, what good does this decision do the companion from Illinois? Membership in a *legally constituted Council* on the roll of the Grand Council of Illinois is of *no value* under this decision, as the Grand Council of Illinois *does not pay allegiance* to the General Grand Council."

We acknowledge the justice of the animadversion, and in extenuation would say that the Grand Master labored under the impression that the Grand Council of Illinois was a constituent of the General Grand Council. Another instance of the injudiciousness of Grand Masters in making decisions *without consulting the Grand Secretary.* Comp. WILLIAMS may set it down as the gospel according to St. Thomas, that no companion who is a member of a legally constituted Council, held under the jurisdiction of a recognized Grand Council, will ever get the cold shoulder in California. He quotes approvingly from our report of that year, and says:—

"He complains that he got no Proceedings from the Grand Council of Illinois. He only received *a circular* and a few *loose pages.* He wants to know why they can't publish and send out Proceedings in a decent and Christian-like manner, and wants to know what's the matter with *that Grand Recorder anyhow.*

"We had better luck—we got the circular, a special edition of the Report on Correspondence covering *ninety-four* pages, and a copy of Proceedings, correspondence, report and all. Why, we could have divided with Comp. CASWELL and had enough left for our use."

"Comp. GIL." was all right this year, but he, as well as many other Grand Recorders, require a punch in the ribs occasionally to remind them of their delinquencies; even a kick in the area of fundamental exuberance won't bring some of them to a realizing sense of their remissness, as witness the number of Councils missing from our report for the current year.

Under the head of "Illinois," he says:—

"An amendment having been offered to the Constitution last year, which, if adopted, would make Master Masons eligible to the Council Degrees, the Grand Master argues the question in his address in such a manner as to show not only that he has ideas, but is not afraid to express them. If he had not known the companion who offered the amendment to be an earnest, active worker, he would have taken his action to be a piece of pleasantry. He is outspoken against making Master Masons eligible to these degrees, and says that such a step would be disastrous to the interests of Cryptic Masonry in Illinois, and demoralizing and discouraging to other jurisdictions. He characterizes the scheme not only as novel, but radical and revolutionary. He warned his companions that the adoption of the amendment would result in non-intercourse. He put these questions: 'How can a Royal and Select Master, made in Illinois, "aid in, or be present at the conferring" of these degrees upon a Master Mason? Is this Grand Council competent, by the adoption of this amendment, to absolve from their obligations any or all of the Companions in this jurisdiction.' He held that no obligation taken by a Royal and Select Master, in any of its essential or vital parts, can be vitiated

or annulled by this or any other Grand Council. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that, while they thought the proposition should be fraternally discussed by the Grand Council, it was not expedient to adopt it *at that time*. The Committee's report was adopted."

With reference to the reporter for that jurisdiction, he says:—

"Comp. JEROME handles a two-edged sword, and when wielding it against the General Grand Council, we think he sometimes has the edges whetted too sharp. His report is made up mainly of thrusts at the General Grand Council, and defenses of the actions of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Illinois. He sustains his position with ability; but we venture the opinion that his arguments would lose none of their force if they were shorn of their acrimony."

Nonsense, Comp. WILLIAMS; he is simply hacking his old cheese-knife against a granite wall. A little dust flies, which amuses him and harms no one. Under the head of "Massachusetts," he calls the able and genial reporter for that jurisdiction, *Dadman*. He is not the only one of the guild who has made that blunder this year. Our reverend and esteemed companion is named Dad*mun*, not Dad*man*. We don't know whether our Massachusetts contemporary is blessed with children or not. If he is, he is entitled to be a *Dad*man, otherwise not. We expect next, somebody will spell his name with a B, and then we *will* kick.

Under the head of "Pennsylvania," referring to the report of Comp. MEYER, he says:—

"After paying Comp. CASWELL a compliment on his Report on Correspondence for 1887, he raps him over the knuckles in this manner:—

"'He, however, makes one mistake when he says, under the head of General Grand Council of the United States, that "every Grand Council in the United States was represented" at its late triennial. We are sure there were several absent besides Pennsylvania.'

"Comp. CASWELL seems to be catching it on every side, for that unfortunate remark, which, we dare say, he will explain this year."

"While we know Comp. CASWELL needs no one to champion his cause, we feel like volunteering an explanation. The General Grand Council and General Grand Chapter undertook to keep house, both at the same time, and some of the cooks were interested in both kitchens; hence, a little of the broth got spoiled. Comp. CASWELL was on a committee in each body. These committees sat at the same time; the bodies were in session at the same hours. He could not be in both bodies at once, and could not do committee work in two places at the same time. We were associated with him (on paper, at least) on the Committee of Jurisprudence in the General Grand Council. He worked on the Committee in General Grand Chapter, and attended the sessions of that body. We know he did not spend much time in the General Grand Council, and did not give us *any* assistance in our committe work, for the reason that he could not work on both at the same time. We well remember of his signing our report, remarking at the time that he had full confidence that it was all right; that if it was agreed to by New York and Ohio without a fight, it must be all right. Now, overwhelmed with his duties in the General Grand Chapter, somebody probably told him there was a 'big mess' up-stairs, and that all creation was there. Just take this, and don't bother the Judge any more."

We thank our esteemed companion for the ingenious excuse he has devised for us, and accept it as our own. We know that all ought to have been present, if they were not, and when we received the impression that all *were* present, if our memory does not go back on us, we had just been *across the street*

with Comp. WILLIAMS. We would gladly follow our companion farther in his able and interesting report, but we have already lingered too long over Ohio.

There are forty-eight subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total numbership of 2,868. The *M.·. P.·.* GEORGE D. MCBRIDE was elected Grand Master and the *R.·. P.·.* JOHN D. CALDWELL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON.

The third Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at McMinnville on the first day of February, 1888,—the *M.·. P.·.* CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* FRELON J. BABCOCK being Grand Recorder. Three subordinate Councils were represented.

The address of the Grand Master is very brief, and relates principally to local affairs. He announces the tragic death of Comp. SAMUEL SHAFFER, Principal Conductor of the Work of *Pioneer* Council, No. 1, and thus explains the unfortunate circumstances attending it:—

"On the seventeenth day of last September, Companion SHAFFER and some friends were hunting in the Cascade mountains, when by one of those stupid, not to say criminal accidents, so frequent of late, he was shot and instantly killed by a person who mistook him for a bear, and in his excitement fired the fatal shot. Companion SHAFFER was greeted in *Pioneer* Council, No. 1, in January, 1882, and has been an office-bearer and zealous worker in the Council ever since. As a man and Mason, he commanded the respect of all who knew him, and his untimely death cast a gloom over the community in which he lived. He was buried with the honors of Masonry on the 19th of September. May the memory of his many virtues, and his quiet, unostentatious ways, ever remain green in our hearts."

Such alleged "accidents" are altogether too common on this coast, and frequently our public journals announce the death of some unfortunate hunter, who, being mistaken for a bear or deer, was fired upon and killed by some careless comrade. There should be an asylum for fools, where such confounded asses could be confined to prevent them from doing further mischief.

After reciting his few official acts, the Grand Master says:—

"Though few in numbers, we feel that the Grand Council of Oregon is composed of the live, active Masons of the jurisdiction, and that Cryptic Masonry in this State has a bright future before it.

"While the many, lured by the tinsel and show of other degrees, pass us by as of little importance, yet the thoughtful and studious find in pursuing their researches that there is 'something wanting,' and turn back to our portals to search for it, and having gained admission to our secret vault, go away satisfied.

"While a reasonable amount of work has been done during the year, we are confident that more might have been accomplished had our companions been more zealous. There are in Oregon twenty-one Chapters, and but three Councils, yet in the three Councils there are representatives from a majority of the Chapters; and to show what zeal will accomplish, I will mention that one of our companions, by calling the attention of the companions of his Chapter to the matters left unexplained in the Royal Arch Degree, obtained the petitions of ten companions, nine of whom have regularly penetrated our secret vault. A like interest on the part of our members would double the number of our Councils and membership in a single year. Then, companions, let us be up and doing; let us convince others of the fact, which we ourselves know, that our degrees are among the most beautiful and useful in Masonry, and that they are worthy of the careful attention of all who are eligible to receive them."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $21.55.

Comp. WALLACE BALDWIN presented a brief but well-written Report on Correspondence, in which he ably reviews the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, California for 1887 being of the number. He says the address of Grand Master FIELD is a "concise and practical report of his doings for the year." Of our report for that year, he says:

"The report on Foreign Correspondence by Companion THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL is so full of good things, and so much better than we can hope to make ours, that we are tempted right here to stop, and appropriate the whole to ourselves, but that might be regarded by our esteemed companion as downright theft, and as we have met him and enjoyed a fraternal chat in days before, and hope to meet him again in the future, and renew an acquaintance so happily begun, we will keep hands off for fear of detection and the wrath to follow. But I know we will be pardoned if we lay hands on some parts that are particularly tempting, and use them, giving due credit for the same."

We can assure Comp. BALDWIN that his kind words are duly appreciated; and if, hereafter, he should find any fruit on our tree that is pleasing to his taste, he is welcome to appropriate it.

In response to our expressed wishes for the future welfare and prosperity of Oregon's Grand Council, he says:—

"Accept thanks, companions; we are young, but we think we are 'fair to look upon,' and we hope to grow in grace and beauty; and while we have our elder sister, California, at our side as a model, we shall indeed be remiss if we do not prove worthy."

The compliment is a graceful one and felicitously expressed. The Masons of California, Comp. BALDWIN, have a warm corner in their hearts for their brethren of Oregon in all departments of the craft, and we rejoice at every evidence of their prosperity. As the waters of their mighty Columbia roll onward to the sea, bearing upon its bosom the products of a great and noble State, to minister to the wants of nations, so may the tide of Masonry flow on in Oregon, gathering strength and power as it progresses, and bearing to the world its precious burden of peace and good-will to men.

In noting our appropriations for the year, Comp. BALDWIN says:—

"We note among the estimated expenses of the Grand Council for the coming year: Grand Recorder's salary, $225; expenses of Grand Master to visit Subordinate Councils, $200. Those California companions never do anything by halves, and when money will assist in building the temple it is always forthcoming. 'It is no disgrace to be poor, but it is somewhat inconvenient,' especially when one sees so many places where a little of this world's goods would do so much if put in the right place."

We give his "conclusion," which bears the right stamp, and barring the needless apologies for incompleteness, is good work, square work, just such work as we are authorized to receive:—

"Our task is finished. It has been wrought under difficulties and at such times as we could spare from business cares. We have attempted to note all proceedings that have reached us. We have derived much pleasure and profit from a perusal of the good things spread out before us therein, but to place them in such shape as to give others the pleasure brought to us, we fear has been beyond our ability. We have commented but little, and have sought to express our own ideas in a way to offend none, and we do not claim infallibility, and are open to conviction if we are in error. Wherein we have differed from other reporters, we have taken the position we thought right and

for the best interests of the Cryptic Rite. We expect to be criticised and to be disagreed with, and beg no quarter, except a fair and brotherly handling, always promising to hold our views open to conviction of error, and a cheerful reformation when convinced we have gone wrong.

"We love the Cryptic Rite, and all that belongs to Masonry. We have studied all that has fallen in our way bearing on the subject for many years, but we are not gifted by nature or education with the faculty of putting our ideas on paper. Hence, our work is rough and unpolished, but we have endeavored to make it sound and substantial, fit for better builders to build upon, perhaps. With love toward all, and a warm and earnest wish for the upbuilding of the Rite in the future, we say farewell."

There are three subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, but the number of members is not given.

The *M.·. P.·.* SAMUEL BULLOCK was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* FRELON J. BABCOCK was re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

The proceedings of the thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth Annual Assemblies of this Grand Council have been received in one volume. In 1885, the charters of ten Councils were declared forfeited for neglecting to make returns and pay dues, and in three instances the dues of others were remitted.

In 1886, the Grand Master, in his address, says:—

"Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction for several years past has had an apathy growing upon it, and already apparently fastening upon its very vitals, which calls for serious consideration and anxious thought. With but few notable exceptions, subordinate Councils under your control seem to be afflicted with an inertness, a lethargy, deep and oppressive, which, if not removed, will doubtless result in the withdrawal or surrender of more charters—a consummation sadly to be deplored.

"Scarce a decade ago this Grand Body had upon its rolls sixty or more active, working, zealous Councils, and it is a lamentable fact that there exists to-day but nine reporting to this Grand Council.

"The retrogression has been more or less rapid, until, in my opinion, it has reached a point where it demands at your hands prompt and vigorous action. I have plainly and briefly stated what I believe to be the actual condition of affairs, and though discouraging to contemplate, I have every confidence that in your wisdom you will be enabled to devise some means whereby the pristine glory, power, and influence of the 'Cryptic Art' will be revived and entirely restored in the State of Tennessee. Looking to this end, I would recommend that some intelligent and zealous companion, possessing a complete and thorough knowledge of the Degrees, be appointed or commissioned Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be to visit all the subordinate Councils within this jurisdiction, one or more times, as may be deemed necessary, exemplifying and instructing in the work, advising officers as to their duties, and by such other means as may appear to him to be wise and efficient, endeavor to arouse a new interest in the Craft, and add to the zeal of individual companions. These duties, if carefully and zealously discharged, will, I am well assured, prove a gigantic stride toward returning prosperity. If you think favorably of this mode of beginning the restoration, it is essential that you act promptly, and also arrange for the cost and expense of carrying the same into execution."

The funds were too low, and the experiment was not tried; but as a substitute the following, recommended by the Committee on Jurisprudence, was adopted:—

"We are of opinion that a plan of three Custodians of the Work, similar to the one adopted by the Grand Lodge, having one located in each Grand

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Division of the State, might tend greatly to revive and warm up the dead and dying subordinates. This can be done without any tax upon the Grand Council, the expenses and a small compensation being provided for by the subordinate Councils which the Custodian would serve.

This plan did not appear to mend matters much, as in 1887, we find only nine Councils on the roll and but six represented, while the Grand Treasurer jingled one dollar and thirty cents in his wampum belt.

The thirty-eighth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Nashville on the twenty-third day of January, 1888,—the *M.·. P.·.* ANGEL S. MYERS, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* JOHN FRIZZELL being Grand Recorder. Six subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, says:—

"Cryptic Masonry in the State of Tennessee, I am proud to say, has not been exactly dormant in the past year; some revival has taken place, and one Council added to our galaxy of constellations. For this, at least, we should be thankful."

He announces in touching language the death of Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, JOHN S. DASHIELL, and pays a fraternal tribute to his memory.

Under the head of "Official Visitations" he says:—

"I have paid several official visitations to *Eureka* Council, 6, and I feel that I should be recreant to my duty were I to fail to express my unalloyed pleasure at the workings of this Council. The Thrice Illustrious Master and his officers are deeply imbued with the responsibilities of the positions to which they have been elevated; the degrees are conferred in a very impressive manner; the meetings are well attended; harmony prevails, and this Council is in a prosperous condition, after being in a dormant state for a long period of time—thanks to Comp. W. M. BROOKS and his efficient officers."

We presume that *Angel's* visits had something to do with this condition of things as well as the nourishment derived from the vivifying *Brooks*. He reports that, as far as he is advised, Cryptic Masonry in Tennessee is not retrograding. That, at least, is encouraging, and the fact that the $1.30 of last year had increased and multiplied to $55.50 shows evidence of returning animation.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, in their report, congratulate the craft "on the efficient services of the Grand Master, and on the vitality and renewed life shown in the condition of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction."

We trust the good work of resuscitation will continue without abatement, until Tennessee once more regains her old-time prestige in the Cryptic craft. There is no Report on Correspondence.

There are ten chartered Councils now borne upon the roll of subordinates, having a total membership of 307.

The *M.·. P.·.* JOHN B. GARRETT was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. P.·.* JOHN FRIZZELL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

This Grand Council held its thirty-fifth Annual Assembly in the city of Burlington on the twelfth day of June, 1888,—the *M.·. P.·.* HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* WARREN G. REYNOLDS being Grand Recorder. Sixteen subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's Address is a paper of more than ordinary interest, and exhibits marked ability in its author. He says:—

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"The general condition of the Rite throughout our jurisdiction is good. This is true, however, of the Rite only as a whole. In some few of the subordinate Councils there exists an apathy that is neither encouraging nor creditable. But as there is hardly a human being all of whose bodily organs perfectly perform their functions, perhaps it should not be expected that every part of our organization should accomplish all that could be desired. This loss of vitality seems to exist in places where we should least expect it; not in the smaller towns, but in the centers of population. And yet, perhaps, the explanation is easily discovered. In towns where Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery exist, it often happens that the same men fill important offices in all. They are usually men having extensive private business; and when the large amount of Masonic labor is added, it follows that something must be neglected. The Council is the body that usually suffers. The Lodge of course must be sustained, as being the support of all other bodies. The Commandery, with its military display and chivalric traditions, becomes the goal of many a Masonic ambition, towards which he presses with eager heart and by the shortest way. His road necessarily passes through the Chapter, and thus this body secures its tribute of patronage, and confers its due share of Masonic lore and instruction.

"The degrees of the Council are too apt to be set aside as not being necessary to the candidate's admittance into the asylum of the Commandery. They may be taken at a 'more convenient season,' which season since the time of the crafty Felix has been slow to come. Those Masons, however, who take the degrees for the legitimate purpose of gaining knowledge and intelligently understanding Masonic teaching, will not pass by these degrees, knowing that they must be of value or they would not have existed as they have from age to age. If offices of the different Masonic bodies were distributed among more men, all the bodies would be gainers, particularly so the Council. It may sometimes happen that all ability and zeal resides in a few, but this is seldom true, much less often than is thought. Responsibility creates interest and develops power.

"In too many cases we are adopting the 'Mississippi plan,' in having the Council degrees in the hands of Chapter or other officers, these lists and that of the Council embracing essentially the same men, but fail to obtain the advantages, if any there are, of such concentration of parentage. Expand the circle of officers, and we shall certainly gain in vitality and power. Better a live Lilliputian than a sleeping Gulliver. Choose as officers Companions who *love* the Cryptic Rite for what it is; who recognize the value of its teachings and appreciate the beauty of its ritual. In neither of these particulars is the Council second to any of the Masonic bodies, and without its light much of the history and tradition of our Order remains obscure and unexplained.

"Most of the subordinate Councils who have rendered their report show some work accomplished and new members received. Some have made a very creditable record and manifested a degree of fidelity and zeal that I would that all possessed."

With reference to the Illinois circular, he says:

"The position of this Grand Council would seem to be plain regarding its relation to the General Grand Council, and its sentiments concerning those Councils that a few years since adopted the plan of merging with their respective Chapters. The position of the General Grand Council respecting such Chapter-made Royal and Select Masters is expressed in a resolution found on pages 62 and 63 of its proceedings of 1880, as follows, viz.: '*Resolved*, That all Royal Arch Masons who have received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters by the authority, direct or indirect, of Chapters or Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, shall be and are regarded as clandestinely made Royal and Select Masters, who cannot, in any manner, be recognized or admitted into any lawful Council of Royal and Select Masters.' To this resolution and the indorsement given it by most of the Grand Councils, the Grand Council of Illinois took exceptions, and issued a circular bearing date

of Nov. 5, 1887, expressing their feeling and suggesting the forming of an association among Grand Councils to resist what it indicates to be an unwarranted assumption of power on the part of the General Grand Council. As the Grand Council of Vermont is a member of the General Grand Council, I am at a loss to know why the circular was sent to us, or on what grounds it can expect this body to recede from the stand it has already taken. But without any suggestion of the disposition to be made of this matter, I advise that the circular be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to consider and report at this session."

The proceedings are embellished with a fine portrait of Past Grand Master NATHAN B. HASWELL, of whom he says:—

"As the second in the series of portraits to adorn the published proceedings of this body, that of the venerated HASWELL will stand. The name of NATHAN B. HASWELL may well be associated with that of PHILIP C. TUCKER, *clarum et venerabile nomen.* TUCKER and HASWELL! those two worthies, who, shoulder to shoulder with their few associates, fought the fight when to be a Mason was to endure public and private ostracism, are fit men to be brought to our attention in this way as constant suggestions to fidelity and truth. As they came off victorious, and lived to see the name of Mason respected and even courted in their land, so may we prove victors in the conflict against dissension without and discordant passions within, until the name of Mason, like that of Christian, shall be the fitting title of him who contends for the good, the true and the pure."

His official acts were few, and call for no comment. He makes appropriate and eloquent mention of the lamented companions who have laid down the burden of life during the year, and suitably prepared pages are set apart to their memory.

The committee to whom the address was referred conclude their report as follows:—

"In short, we find in the whole address nothing to criticise but everything to commend. The pure thoughts dressed in beautiful language will prove good seed, sown upon good ground, and are confident that all the companions will join us in lauding our Most Illustrious Grand Master with 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"

In which well-deserved commendation we heartily concur.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of $280.89. One new Council was formed and a charter granted it.

There is no Report on Correspondence. There are nineteen subordinate Councils in this Jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 805. The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

Thus ends our review of Cryptic Masonry for the year of grace, 1888. We regret that it is not fuller, but that is not our fault. We miss from our annual levee, Canada, England and Wales, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Wisconsin.

There must be a screw loose somewhere when so many of our bidden guests fail to attend the feast or send their regrets. Thirteen are absent; fortunately more than that number were present, or we should have made extraordinory efforts to have obtained one more, or, failing in that, we would have dropped one out; thirteen being an unlucky number. In surveying the field before us

we find nothing to discourage, but much to cheer us, to stimulate our zeal and quicken our enthusiasm. It is true that the Cryptic Rite is not flourishing as we would desire to see it flourish, yet it is slowly but steadily gaining. The evil influence shed upon it by the merging process is passing away, and the Grand Councils which surrendered their jurisdictions to the Chapters have resumed their sway and reorganized their scattered forces. Some object to becoming constituents of the General Grand Council, but their objections will, we are convinced, gradually be removed. No attempt should be made at coercion, but above all things harmony should be preserved. The little cloud which has arisen in Illinois will be easily dispersed by judicious action on the part of the General Grand Council, and we are satisfied from the tone and temper of the remarks of those who, like ourself, are warm supporters of the General Grand Body, that everything that may properly be done will be done to restore harmony and promote good followship among the workers in the Secret Vault.

The so-called Mississippi Plan is dead! dead!! dead!!! Let it and all its attendant evils and sinister results be buried forever out of our sight, and let us with united effort, under whatever authority we may work, strive to promote the welfare and advance the interests of our Rite, ever remembering that we are brethren and kindred, and not strangers and enemies. Let every element of discord be banished from among us—thus shall we receive the blessing and not otherwise.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
For the Committee.

Which report was ordered to be printed with the proceedings of this Grand Assembly.

The Grand Council was then called off until half-past one o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Monday, April 15th, Anno Dep. 2889.

The Grand Council was called on at half-past one o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Recorder presented the credentials of Comp. WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, as Representative of the Grand Council of Nebraska; of Comp. CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, as Representative of the Grand Council of Connecticut, and of Comp. JAMES BESTOR

MERRITT, as Representative of the Grand Council of South Carolina, near the Grand Council of California; and

On motion of Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, the companions named were received and accredited as such Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, from the Committee on Finances and Returns, presented the following report :—

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of California :—

Your Committee on Finances and Returns have examined the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, together with their vouchers and papers, and find the same to be in proper order and correct.

The balance of cash on hand, as shown in the Report of the Grand Treasurer, was counted by the committee and found to be correct.

Your committee would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :—

Grand Recorder's salary	$225 00
Grand Sentinel's salary	10 00
Grand Organist's salary	10 00
Contingent expenses of Grand Recorder's office	50 00
Printing proceedings	100 00
Expenses of Grand Master to visit subordinate Councils	200 00

Respectfuliy submitted.

W. FRANK PIERCE,
WILLIAM W. COLEMAN,
M. C. ALLEN,
Committee.

Which report was concurred in, and the several amounts were appropriated as recommended.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the special committee to whom had been referred the Address of the *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, presented the following report :—

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of California :—

The undersigned, as your committee, have given the report of the Grand Master of the discharge of his executive duties during the recess of the Grand Council, such consideration as the brief time allowed would permit, and are pleased to submit to the Grand Council the fact that the Grand Master has filled his honorable station with credit to himself, and honor to the Craft whenever and wherever it has been represented by him. He has literally and thoroughly complied with his official duties and responsibilities as laid down in his installation vows. He has not only given good and wholesome advice—by United States mail—but has followed precept with example and visited his scattered children even to the mountains of Montana.

In the discharge of official duty, and especially in reviewing the acts of others, it is always pleasant to find warrant for words of praise and commendation, and it gives your committee much satisfaction at this time to certify to

the faithful service of our Grand Master, and to join you in earnest prayer that his mantle may descend upon and rest during his official time upon his successor. They join the Most Puissant companion in his congratulations for present prosperity and most hopeful expectations of the future. May his highest hopes be realized, and he, in his person, be vouchsafed such blessings, both in his public and private life, as the faithful officer deserves.

Your committee unite with the Grand Master in affectionate remembrance of our deceased Past Grand Master, Comp. GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, and recommend that so much of the Address as refers thereto be referred to a special committee for proper action thereon.

They fully endorse the Grand Master's views in reference to desired changes in our Constitution, but as the matter is now in the hands of a committee, at present suggest no action.

They also concur in the Grand Master's views upon the importance of a uniform ritual, and endorse his recommendation for the appointment of a special committee for the carrying out of such purposes.

Your committee desire to approve all the official acts of the Grand Master, and recommend that the companions named by him be received and accredited as the Representatives of the several Grand Councils named, near this Grand Council.

In regard to the circular letter submitted by the Grand Master as to the time and place of meeting of the General Grand Council, your committee would submit that it is desirable, considering the relations affecting the mutual interests of the General Grand Council and the General Grand Chapter, that the General Grand Council should be held at the same time and place. They also suggest that, if possible, this Grand Council be represented at the ensuing triennial meeting of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,
HENRY S. ORME,
WILLIAM M. PETRIE,
Committee.

Which report was concurred in, and the recommendations were adopted.

The Grand Master named as the Committee—

On Death of Comp. George T. Grimes:
Comp. Edward Richards Hedges,
" Isaac Stanwood Locke,
" Webb Nicholson Pearce.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Special Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, appointed at the last Annual Assembly, presented the following report :—

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of California:—

The special committee to whom was assigned the Revision of the Constitution of this Grand Council, having carefully considered the matter in charge,

respectfully suggest the following amendments, and recommend their adoption, viz.:—

Amend Section 1, of Article II, so as to read as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Grand Council shall be composed of a Grand Master, whose title shall be Most Illustrious; a Deputy Grand Master, a Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Recorder, a Grand Chaplain, a Grand Captain of the Guards, a Grand Conductor of the Council, a Grand Lecturer, a Grand Steward, whose titles shall be Right Illustrious; a Grand Organist, and a Grand Sentinel, whose titles shall be Illustrious; all Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work; all Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Illustrious Masters, and Principal Conductors of the Work for the time being, of the several Councils under its jurisdiction, and all Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of such Councils, so long as all such officers and past officers remain members of any Council under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council.

Amend Section 2, Article III, by striking out in the second and third lines thereof, the words "or in any other State or Territory in which there is no Grand Council established"—the General Grand Council of the United States now having sole authority over such States and Territories—so that it will read as follows:—

SEC. 2. It shall have power to grant dispensations and charters for holding regular Councils within the State of California, and may revoke, suspend or annul the same.

Amend Section 1, of Article V, by striking out the word *six*, in the first line thereof, and inserting in its stead the word *five*; so that when amended it will read as follows:—

SECTION 1. The first five officers of the Grand Council shall be chosen by ballot at each Annual Assembly; shall be duly installed before the close thereof; and shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master. Any vacancy in office, occurring when the Grand Council is not in session, may be filled by the Grand Master, and the officer so appointed shall possess all the powers and be charged with all the duties of one regularly elected.

Amend Section 1, of Article XI, by striking out, in the third line thereof, the words, "the Grand Illustrious Master;" leaving the remainder of said section unchanged.

Also, amend Section 2, of Article XIV, by striking out, in the list of officers of subordinate Councils, the word "Marshal."

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, } *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in, and the amendments as proposed, being separately voted upon, were unanimously adopted.

Comp. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, from the Committe on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of California :—

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances report that no complaint of any kind has been presented to them for consideration, and that peace and harmony prevail throughout the entire jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD R. HEDGES,
JOHN HURLEY,
EUGENE CORMENY, } *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, from the Committee on the Death of Comp. GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, presented the following report :—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California :—

Your committee, to whom was referred the death of our late Comp. GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, respectfully submit the following :—

Since the last Assembly of this Grand Council the grim tyrant has invaded our ranks and taken therefrom one who had long been an active worker, and who had risen to the summit of perfection therein. We miss his familiar face and his fraternal greeting. On December 17, 1888, he closed his earthly labors and joined the ranks of the silent majority. Having occupied many and varied positions in Masonry, all which he filled with honesty, integrity and ability, he was ripe in experience and regarded as one to whom the "seeker after light" could apply and be rewarded with the required information. Kind, affable and efficient, his Masonic counsel was sought and freely given.

As Master of Lodge, High Priest of Chapter, and Thrice Illustrious Master of Council, he gave satisfaction to the members of the different Bodies, and as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and Most Illustrious Grand Master of this Grand Council, his labors were equally acceptable and satisfactory.

'Tis human to mourn his departure, and yet we have the assurance that "our loss is his gain."

To those of his "kith and kin" whom he leaves behind, we extend our fraternal love and sympathy, desiring them to know we cherish and revere the memory of our deceased companion, and in the far distant future his name and Masonic reputation will be referred to as one who was faithful to every trust, kind, humane and charitable to all. Peace to his ashes.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,
ISAAC STANWOOD LOCKE,
WEBB NICHOLSON PEARCE, } *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in by a rising vote of the Grand Council.

On motion of Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year was ordered. The Grand Master having appointed Companions WILLIAM WARREN COLEMAN

and EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN to act as tellers, the election proceeded with the following result:—

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON was elected Grand Master;
" *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE was elected Deputy Grand Master;
" " " DAVID PUGH MARSHALL was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Works;
" " " FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer;
" " " THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz.:—

The *R.·. I.·.* OSGOOD CHURCH WHEELER..as....*Grand Chaplain;*
" " " GEORGE PENLINGTON.....as....*Grand Capt. of the Guards;*
" " " VALENTINE DRESHER.....as....*Grand Conductor of Council;*
" " " CHARLES LORD FIELD.....as....*Grand Lecturer;*
" " " CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT...as....*Grand Steward;*
The *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER.....as....*Grand Organist;*
" " JAMES OGLESBY.....as....*Grand Sentinel.*

The Grand Officers (excepting the Grand Chaplain and Grand Lecturer) were then installed in their respective stations by Past Grand Master JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, assisted by Past Grand Master WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES as Master of the Ceremonies.

On motion of Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, it was ordered that the Grand Chaplain and Grand Lecturer be installed in the respective Councils of which they are members.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following Committee—

On Correspondence: ..... { Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell, " Henry Sayre Orme, " Mortimer Cherberry Allen.

The business of the Grand Council being all completed, the minutes of the session were read and approved, and the Grand Council of California was closed in Ample Form.

WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

This Mourning Page,

BY ORDER OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

M.· I.·. George Tuttle Grimes,

Who was born in Acton, in the State of Massachusetts, on the twenty-seventh day of July, 1834, and who died near Mountain View, in Santa Clara County, in the State of California, on the seventeenth day of December, 1888.

HE HAD BEEN

Master of California Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M.
High Priest of California Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.
Th. Ill. Master of California Council, No. 2, R. & S. M.

HE HAD SERVED AS

Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California;

AND FOR NINE YEARS WAS

ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California.

HE HAD ALSO BEEN

Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California.

"He was faithful to every trust,
Kind, humane, and charitable to all."

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

As Amended April, 1889.

Relative to the Grand Council.

ARTICLE I.

OF ITS TITLE AND SEAL.

SECTION 1. This body shall be entitled "THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA," and shall have a Seal, bearing suitable devices and inscriptions, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority.

ARTICLE II.

OF ITS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Council shall be composed of a Grand Master, whose title shall be Most Illustrious; a Deputy Grand Master, a Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Recorder, a Grand Chaplain, a Grand Captain of the Guards, a Grand Conductor of the Council, a Grand Lecturer, a Grand Steward, whose titles shall be Right Illustrious; a Grand Organist, and a Grand Sentinel, whose titles shall be Illustrious; all Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work; all Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Illustrious Masters, and Principal Conductors of the Work for the time being, of the several Councils under its jurisdiction, and all Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of such Councils, so long as all such officers and past officers remain members of any Council under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council.

ARTICLE III.

OF TS POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

SECTION 1. This Grand Council has the sole government and superintendence of all Councils under its jurisdiction, with authority to settle all contro-

versies that may arise between them, to assign their limits, to prescribe laws and regulations for their government, and to review, confirm or annul their decisions.

SEC. 2. It shall have power to grant dispensations and charters for holding regular Councils within the State of California, and may revoke, suspend or annul the same.

SEC. 3. It may assess and collect from the several Councils under its jurisdiction such sums of money, annually, as may be found necessary for its maintenance and support.

ARTICLE IV.

OF ITS ASSEMBLIES.

SECTION 1. The Grand Council shall hold its Annual Assemblies at the same place in which the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California shall annually convene, and on the day preceding such Annual Convocation. Special Assemblies may be ordered by the Grand Master, at his discretion, or whenever desired by a majority of the Councils under this jurisdiction; but no business shall be transacted thereat other than that specified in such order.

ARTICLE V.

OF ITS ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The first five officers of the Grand Council shall be chosen by ballot at each Annual Assembly; shall be duly installed before the close thereof; and shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master. Any vacancy in office, occurring when the Grand Council is not in session, may be filled by the Grand Master, and the officer so appointed shall possess all the powers and be charged with all the duties of one regularly elected.

ARTICLE VI.

OF PROXIES.

SECTION 1. Each Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Illustrious Master, and Principal Conductor of the Works of the subordinate Councils under this jurisdiction, may appear and vote by proxy, but such proxy must be a member of the same Council with his principal.

ARTICLE VII.

OF VOTING.

SECTION 1. Each member of the Grand Council present shall be entitled to one vote, and all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes. In all cases of a tie vote, except votes by ballot, the Grand Master, in addition to his proper vote, may have the casting vote.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The revenue of the Grand Council shall be derived from the following sources:—

1st. For every dispensation to form a new Council, the sum of seventy-five dollars, of which ten dollars shall be the fee of the Grand Recorder;

2d. For every charter to perpetuate a new Council, the sum of twenty-five dollars, of which five dollars shall be the fee of the Grand Recorder;

3d. For a dispensation to hold an election for an officer or officers at a time other than that named in this Constitution, five dollars;

4th. For a diploma, five dollars, of which three dollars shall be the fee of the Grand Recorder;

5th. For each companion received and greeted, the sum of one dollar; and

6th. For each member borne upon the rolls of the subordinate Councils at the date of their Annual Returns, the sum of fifty cents.

ARTICLE IX.

OF COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The following regular committees, to consist of three members each, shall be appointed by the Grand Master at each Annual Assembly, viz.:—On Credentials, on Reports of the Grand Officers, on Appeals and Grievances, on Finances and Returns, and on New Councils.

Of the Grand Officers.

ARTICLE X.

OF THE GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall have power, when the Grand Council is not in session, to issue dispensations for the formation of new Councils, and shall, either in person or by proxy, constitute all new Councils, when chartered, and install their officers. He may visit and preside in any Council within his jurisdiction, inspect its proceedings, and require its conformity to Masonic rule; and, during the recess of the Grand Council, may exercise all its executive functions.

ARTICLE XI.

OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, AND THE GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS.

SECTION 1. In cse of the death of the Grand Master, his absence from the State, or of his inability from any cause to perform the functions of his office, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Works shall, in the order of their rank, succeed to and be charged with all the duties of that office.

ARTICLE XII.

OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Grand Council from the Grand Recorder, and shall pay the same out under such regulations as by it may be provided. He shall keep a just account thereof in proper books, and at each Annual Assembly shall present a detailed statement of his receipts and disbursements, together with vouchers for the last, and a full statement of the existing condition of the finances.

ARTICLE XIII.

OF THE GRAND RECORDER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Recorder shall keep an accurate record of all the transactions of the Grand Council which should be written. He shall collect the revenue, and pay it over to the Grand Treasurer. He shall present a detailed report of his receipts and of all business appertaining to his office, at each Annual Assembly. He shall keep the seal of the Grand Council, and shall affix it, with his attestation, to all instruments emanating from that body, and to all dispensations issued by the Grand Master. He shall report at each Annual Assembly all unfinished business; shall conduct the correspondence of the Grand Council; and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Council or Grand Master. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Grand Council may direct.

Of Subordinate Councils.

ARTICLE XIV.

OF THEIR FORMATION.

SECTION 1. Upon the petition of nine or more Royal and Select Masters, in good standing, the Grand Council, or the Grand Master, may issue a Letter of Dispensation, authorizing them to form and open a Council of Royal and Select Masters, and to hold the same until the next Annual Assembly. But no such Dispensation shall issue unless the petition be accompanied by a recommendation from the Council nearest or most convenient to the location of the proposed new one, which shall certify to the good standing of each of the petitioners, to the proper qualifications of the officers whom they have nominated, and that a suitable place of assembling has been provided. The Dispensation thus issued shall be returned at the next Annual Assembly, together with the Book of Records, By-Laws, and Returns, when, if the transactions of the new Council shall appear satisfactory, it may, upon petition, receive a charter.

SEC. 2. A Council shall consist of a Thrice Illustrious Master, a Deputy Illustrious Master, a Principal Conductor of the Works, a Treasurer, a Recorder, a Captain of the Guards, a Conductor, a Steward, a Sentinel, and as many members as may be found convenient.

ARTICLE XV.

OF THEIR DUTIES.

SECTION 1. Each Council shall hold a stated assembly at least once in each month for the transaction of its regular business. Special meetings may be ordered by the Thrice Illustrious Master, at his discretion. A failure to assemble for six successive months shall be deemed sufficient cause for the arrest or revocation of the charter.

SEC. 2. The first five officers of each Council shall be chosen by ballot at the stated meeting next preceding the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, and shall be installed as soon thereafter as convenient. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. The other officers shall be appointed by the Thrice Illustrious Master.

SEC. 3. The returns of each Council shall be made up to and including the last day of February in each year, and shall be forwarded within fifteen days thereafter, with the annual dues, to the Grand Recorder.

SEC. 4. The returns to the Crand Council shall contain the names of all the members, alphabetically arranged, the names of the Lodges and Chapters of which they may be members, the names of the Councils to which those who have affiliated during the year last belonged, and such other particulars as may be prescribed by the Grand Recorder.

ARTICLE XVI.

OF FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees for a less sum than ten dollars, which fee must invariably accompany the petition. The dues of the members of each Council shall be such as may be provided in its By-Laws, and the non-payment of such dues for a period of twelve months, unless good reason therefor be shown, shall be punished by suspension.

ARTICLE XVII.

OF PROHIBITIONS.

SECTION 1. No Council shall confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master upon any one who is not a Royal Arch Mason in good standing.

SEC. 2. There shall not be a greater number of Councils established in this State than there are Royal Arch Chapters, nor more than one Council within the jurisdiction of a Chapter.

ARTICLE XVIII.

OF TRIALS AND APPEALS.

SECTION 1. The mode of proceeding in all trials shall, as nearly as may be, be that which is now or may hereafter be prescribed in the Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of this State; and appeals from the results of such trials may in like manner as is directed by the Grand Lodge, be made to and adjudicated by the Grand Council.

ARTICLE XIX.

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Assembly by the votes of two-thirds of the members present.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

A. D. 1889, A. Dep. 2889.

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Hurley, *Thrice Ill. Master*,
William Hewson Davis, *D. Ill. Master*,
Valentine Dresher, *Prin. Con. of Works*,
William Buchanan Miller, *Treasurer*,
William Buckley Davis, *Recorder*,
Harry Ingham, *Captain of Guard*,
William Edward Oughton, *Conductor*,
Richard Vaughn, *Steward*,
George Frederick Bronner, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

James Lawrence English, *P. G. M.*,
Powell Samuel Lawson, *P. G. M.*,
William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*,
Cornelius Kellogg,
William Edward Oughton,
Joseph Davey,
Edwin Glover,
William Alexander January,

SELECT MASTERS:

Abbott, Augustus
Adams, Oliver Miller
Allen, Robert
Alltucker, Henry
Andrews, John Nichols
Annis, Alexander Greene
Bauquier, Joseph
Barrett, John
Bartels, Geo. Henry Wm.
Bergevin, Nel'n Langevin
Berkey, Thomas Henry
Bishop, Orlando Lusk
Block, Maurice
Boyd, John Walter
Brown, Jay Roshell
Brown, Thomas Allen
Bugby, Benjamin Norton
Burnham, James Henry
Burr, Richard Palmer
Bush, George Thomson
Butler, Stephen William
Calderwood, Job Francis
Carey, John Thomas
Carroll, Edgar Barclay
Carroll, Harry Winans
Caswell, Thos. Hubbard
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, Bernard Henry
Chapman, George Warren
Clark, Jerome Franklin

Cluness, William Rob't
Cohn, Edward Francis
Coleman, Edward
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin
Conaway, Geo. Winfield
Cothrin, William Kip
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cunningham, John Austin
Dale, Richard
Davis, James Gilliland
Decker, Horace Wash'ton
Dennery, Alphonse
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Dierssen, Geo. Ern'st Aug.
Dixon, Michael Septimus
Dixon, William Henry
Dresbach, William
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Fay, Newton Murray
Ferguson, Wm. Redmond
Flemming, Frank
Forbes, Robert
Foster, James Stuart
Fox, Thomas
Foye, Wm. Robins'n Smith
Frank, Samuel
Frates, Frank
Frazee, Robert Smith
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frost, Amos Locke
Gable, Harvey Clinton
Gagnon, Alfred
Gallatin, Albert
Gardiner, Alex. John
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew, Jr.
Gillis, Dougald
Gottlieb, Samuel
Gregory, Eugene Julius
Gregory, Frank
Griffith, Griffith
Gruhler, John
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hammer, Moshiem S.
Hammond, Edwin
Harper, Thomas
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, James Darrow
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Herzog, Philip
Hevener, William Henry
Hillier, Theodore
Hollister, Dwight
Hockheimer, Amiel
Hoehn, Jacob
Hoover, Benj. Van Zandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Howell, Sidney Algernon
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Huggins, Henri Tyler
Hull, Joseph
Hunt, John Alexander
Hyman, Daniel
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, Wm. Franklin
Jacobs, Louis
Johnson, Julian Workman
Johnston, William
Jones, William Rowland
Just, John Peter
Knights, William Durant
Knights, William Rudd
Krebs, Charles Henry
Levison, Jacob
Lewis, Samuel Amanzo
Lightner, Bonus
Lyon, Edward
Lufkin, Harry Tileston
McArthur, John
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
Meister, August
Menke, Anton
Merryfield, Justus Chand'r
Miller, Frederick
Miller, John Henry
Mills, James Edgar
Metcalf, Charles Wesley
Nathan, Samuel
Neff, Jacob Hart
Nelson, Clarence Newton
Nevis, Manuel Silva
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Ochsner, John
O'Neil, James
Pacheco, Romualdo
Parsons, Charles Robert
Peterson, Wm. Frederick
Phillips, Louis
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Pockman, Thomas Cross
Putnam, George Alfred
Richards, John
Roberts, Robert William
Robinson, Robert
Rohrer, Frederick Will'm
Ross, Henry Ackson
Runyon, Solomon
Scroth, John George
Scott, Lemuel Pervine
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, Wm. Chauncey
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Joshua Hughes
Smith, Thomas
Stanley, Leander
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Steinman, Elias Ulmer
Stephens, John Dickson
Stevens, Charles Henry
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Summers, Andrew Good
Sweany, John
Talbot, John
Taverner, George
Taverner, Thomas Moore
Tubbs, John Charles
Tufts, Albert Currier
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, Wm. Carey
Van Kirk, John Claremont
Variel, Robt. Hy. Fountl'y

Vaughn, Cor'us Lewis N.
Vermilya, Abram John
Webster, Joseph Richard
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Whitelaw, John
White, George Amos
Wilder, Joel Osgood
Willey, Henry Ide
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, Geo. Howard
Witham, Gilbert Tapley
Wood, William
Woodburn, Chas. Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Young, John Nelles
Zimmerman, Christian
—205.

EXCLUDED:

Clark, Thomas Williams—1.

DIED:

Bullock, James Porter
Carey, George William
Day, James Thompson
Foy, Frederick Mathias
Goss, Leonard
Hunt, William Smith
Morse, Stephen Turner
—7.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....197
Greeted ..... 16—213.
Excluded 1
Died 7
Now borne upon the roll....205—213.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

George Penlington, *Th. Ill. Master*,
William Warren Coleman, *D. Ill. Mas.*,
Joseph Gardner Baston, *P.C. of Works*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Treasurer*,
George Johnson, *Recorder*,
Henry Ascroft, *Captain of Guard*,
Robert McMillan, *Conductor*,
James Greig Walker, *Steward*,
Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
James Oglesby, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Adolphus Hollub,
Thomas Kyle,
Franklin Henry Day,
Charles Lord Field,
David Pugh Marshall,
Isaac Stanwood Locke,
George Penlington.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Adolph
Ames, Frank Holmes
Anderson, James Wright
Andrews, Abraham
Anthony, Edward Taylor
Armstrong, George Rob't
Armstrong, Rob't Bleakley
Armstrong, Rudolph
Ash, Robert
Atkinson, Thos. Thompson
Badger, William Gilman
Baker, Charles Henry
Baldwin, Alfred Walton
Baldwin, Sherman Chas.
Bangs, Edward
Barclay, Henry Robert
Barclay, Peter Thomas
Bassett, Charles Follen
Baum, David Andrew
Birch, William Henry
Black, Howard
Blake, Charles Edward
Blossom, Henry Eckford
Bone, Charles
Bonney, Charles Sumner
Boop, John Daniel
Bragg, Robert
Breon, Paul
Brinckerhoff, Harman
Broder, Robert Chidley

Bromley, George Tisdale
Browell, Jeremiah
Brown, Frederick Joseph
Brown, Henry Adams
Brown, William Anderson
Brown, William Graham
Browne, John Mills
Bruns, Henry Bernhard
Burges, Tristam
Burns, Henry Frederick
Burt, James Gardner
Burtis, Robert Wallace
Calier, James M.
Campbell, Frederick
Campbell, Walter C.
Carr, John George
Chapin, Dinsmore Davis
Charles, Abner Elias
Chesley, Charles Palmer
Christesen, Martin A. C.
Christian, Ceasar
Clark, John Franklin
Clement, Joseph
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Coburn, Clarence Wooster
Code, Philip *D*
Cole, Richard Beverly
Coleman, Carlton Chinn
Cressey, Edward Potter
Cressy, Albert
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Crouch, Robert
Crowley, Timothy Jay
Curry, John
Curtis, John Morrison
Dall, Peter Peterson
Daniel, William Lyon
Davis, Jacob Zeigler
Davis, Winfield Scott
Dean, Peter
Dennis, Samuel William
Dietterle, George
Dinsmore, Robert
Doane, John Osborne
Doane, Micah
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dorn, Marcellus Americus
Doud, Aaron
Dougherty, Chas. Medley
Driffield, Vero Carus
Duncan, Benjamin Beatly
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Edelman, Charles
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edmondson, John George
Edwards, Henry
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Edwards, William Harvey
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Eklund, John Peter
Elliot, Charles Emery
Everett, Daniel Henry
Ewen, Oliver
Falls, Richard James
Fargo, Earl Alexander
Fargo, Jerome Bonaparte
Farrell, Edward
Faull, William
Field, Alfred Bishop
Firth, Joseph Kirk
Fisher, Henry
Fiske, Henry Mortimer
Flint, Brilsford Pease
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Folger, George Edwin
Foster, Arthur William
Fox, John G.
Frank, Geo. Washington
Frank, Samuel Houston
Frolich, Theodore
Gagnon, Michael
Gallagher, John Patrick
Gamble, Samuel
Garratt, Benj. Franklin
Garratt, Wm. Thompson
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Giles, Frederick *N*
Goldwater, Morris
Goud, George Lamb
Graham, Thomas Gardner
Graham, William Findley
Graves, Charles Henry
Graves, Hiram Augustus
Graves, Hiram Throop
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Greenhood, William Oscar
Griffin, John Wesley
Griffiths, Thos. Hamlyn
Gritman, Charles Ray
Grossetta, Martin
Gullixson, Henry Ferd.
Haas, David Leopold
Hager, George
Halstead, Jas. La Fayette
Hammond, John
Hansen, Carl Christian A.
Hatch, Augustus Timothy
Hatch, James Henry
Hauxhurst, Sam'l Weeks
Hawley, Chas. Augustus
Highton, Henry Edward
Hildebrandt, Carsten
Hobe, Adolphus Augustus
Hoffman, Henry Nathaniel
Holden, Samuel Emery
Hopkins, Peter
Hopkins, Timothy
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howard, Charles Shelby
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Hurlbut, Reuben Preston
Jeffers, Milo Sydney
Jeffray, William
Jellison, Benj. Franklin
Jenks, Geo. Washington
Jennings, Charles Brooks
Jennings, Jas. Hazelton
Johnson, John Munroe
Jones, William Arthur
Jones, William Roderick
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Keating, Michael James
Kenney, Augustus Reid
Kenyon, Curtis George
Kern, Morris James
Kimball, Moses Coombe

Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Charles James
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Knight, Edmund Ewell
Kohler, Henry
Kohlman, Solomon
Kohn, Isaack
Krieg, Anton
Kunkler, John Ernest
Lane, William Edmund
Lawson, Andrew
Lazelle, Henry Daniel
Levy, Isidore Nathan
Levy, Jacob
Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Lind, Charles
Litchfield, Jos. Miller
Lloyd, Reuben Hedley
Loane, Francis Marion
Logan, Milburne Hill
Logan, Thomas Emerson
Lo Presti, Anthony
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lux, Frank Antoin
Lyman, Wm. Whitt'gham
Lyon, William Henry
Mack, John George
Magnin, Simson
Martinez, Francis N. R.
McAleer, Edward Charles
McCarty, James
McClure, Stewart
McCord, James
McCreary, Daniel
McCullough, Henry Van S.
McFarland, Abel
McGann, Patrick Henry
McKay, Thomas
McLea, Arthur
McMath, Joseph
McNab, James
Mecklenberg, Joseph
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Meigs, John *J*
Mentz, John Henry
Meston, Robert
Meyer, Julius
Mills, Edward Tyrrel B.
Montealegre, Carlos F.
Moore, Andrew
Moore, Arthur Weld
Moraghan, Michael Bolan
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, David
Morrow, William *W*
Morshead, John White
Mouser, Silas Mercer
Muller, John
Murdock, George Leonard
Nash, Charles
Neal, George Folger
Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Noonen, John
Norcross, Daniel
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Parmelee, James Edward
Partridge, Charles
Patton, Charles Lewis
Peck, Philip
Peckham, William Henry
Phillips, William Rippard
Polastri, Richard Steven
Popham, James William
Prag, Martin
Price, Arthur Faraday
Price, Thomas
Prince, Henry Gilman
Ramage, Walter James
Redmond, Michael Francis
Reynolds, Frank Bailey
Ridgway, Frazier
Riley, John Francis
Robertson, Wm. Alex'r
Roskruge, George James
Ross, Donald
Ryan, Michael
Salsbury, Charles
Schmidt, Valentine
Schrieber, Martin Aug. W.
Scott, Ebenezer
Seidel, Philipp
Sexton, Warren
Seymour, Simon Harry
Shattuck, Charles Curtis
Sheldon, George Edwin
Short, Peter
Sibley, Levi Butler
Simpson, James
Slack, Charles William
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.
Smith, James Jerome
Smith, William Frederick
Smith, William Jacob
Soule, William L. G.
Spaulding, George
Spaulding, James Garfield
Spear, Gustavus Langford
Speier, Bernard
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stark, William Alex.
Steiger, Charles Rudolph
Stern, Louis
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Swannack, Daniel
Swift, Samuel
Taber, Jacob Spooner
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thompson, Geo. Howard
Thornton, Sam'l Kennedy
Triest, Bernard
Troppman, Chas. Martin
Tuohy, John
Vanderhurst, William
Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alex. B.
Warburton, Samuel
Warwick, James Blain
Weller, Henry Olp
Wells, Asa Reynolds
Wever, Lewis *J*
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
White, Jonathan Lloyd
White, Thomas Benton

Whittier, James Eugene — Winter, Washington Gen. — Young, William
Wiley, George Adrian — Woodlock, John — Younger, William John
Wilson, John McFarland — Young, Shirley Trever — —341.

EXCLUDED:

Bullard, William Parr—1.

DIED:

Davis, Isaac Elphinstone — McDearmon, William — Smith, Frederick George
Grimes, George Tuttle — Shaeffer, John Werner — —5.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	307	Excluded	1
Greeted	39	Died	5
Affiliated	1—347.	Now borne upon the roll	341—347.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles *E* Stone, *Thrice Ill. Master*, Francis Wm. Howard Aaron, *Recorder*,
Amasa Wiley White, *Dep. Ill. Master*, William Flint Peacock, *Capt. of Guard*,
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Charles Raish,
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Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Andrew Jackson Binney,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Edmund Taylor Wilkins,
Lemuel Trescott Crane.

SELECT MASTERS:

Asher, Alexander Branch	Deaner, Samuel Christian	Gribner, George Thomas
Ayer, Leonard Barnard	Dobbins, Thomas	Griffith, Irwin
Barnes, Avery Power	Duncan, John Lewis	Hauss, Ferdinand
Baxter, John	Eastman, James Fred	Haynes, James
Belknap, F. G.	Ellis, William Turner	Hunter, William
Bockius, Charles George	Elwell, William	Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Brown, Josiah Perkins	Fagan, Edward	Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Burchard, John Luther	Faulkner, Charles	Kernan, Thomas Hugh
Carpenter, George Wash.	Fimbreath, Arthur Francis	Knight, David Edgar
Clements, Wm. Andrew	Fisher, Charles Lester	Krause, Frederick Low
Crew, Alexander Hill	Goad, William Frank	Leining, John Henry

Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Charles James
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Knight, Edmund Ewell
Kohler, Henry
Kohlman, Solomon
Kohn, Isaack
Krieg, Anton
Kunkler, John Ernest
Lane, William Edmund
Lawson, Andrew
Lazelle, Henry Daniel
Levy, Isidore Nathan
Levy, Jacob
Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Lind, Charles
Litchfield, Jos. Miller
Lloyd, Reuben Hedley
Loane, Francis Marion
Logan, Milburne Hill
Logan, Thomas Emerson
Lo Presti, Anthony
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lux, Frank Antoin
Lyman, Wm. Whitt'gham
Lyon, William Henry
Mack, John George
Magnin, Simson
Martinez, Francis N. R.
McAleer, Edward Charles
McCarty, James
McClure, Stewart
McCord, James
McCreary, Daniel
McCullough, Henry Van S.
McFarland, Abel
McGann, Patrick Henry
McKay, Thomas
McLea, Arthur
McMath, Joseph
McNab, James
Mecklenberg, Joseph
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Meigs, John *J*
Mentz, John Henry
Meston, Robert
Meyer, Julius
Mills, Edward Tyrrel B.
Montealegre, Carlos F.
Moore, Andrew
Moore, Arthur Weld
Moraghan, Michael Bolan
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, David
Morrow, William *W*
Morshead, John White
Mouser, Silas Mercer
Muller, John
Murdock, George Leonard
Nash, Charles
Neal, George Folger
Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Noonen, John
Norcross, Daniel
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Parmelee, James Edward
Partridge, Charles
Patton, Charles Lewis
Peck, Philip
Peckham, William Henry
Phillips, William Rippard
Polastri, Richard Steven
Popham, James William
Prag, Martin
Price, Arthur Faraday
Price, Thomas
Prince, Henry Gilman
Ramage, Walter James
Redmond, MichaelFrancis
Reynolds, Frank Bailey
Ridgway, Frazier
Riley, John Francis
Robertson, Wm. Alex'r
Roskruge, George James
Ross, Donald
Ryan, Michael
Salsbury, Charles
Schmidt, Valentine
Schrieber, MartinAug. W.
Scott, Ebenezer
Seidel, Philipp
Sexton, Warren
Seymour, Simon Harry
Shattuck, Charles Curtis
Sheldon, George Edwin
Short, Peter
Sibley, Levi Butler
Simpson, James
Slack, Charles William
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.
Smith, James Jerome
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Logan, Anderson Dabney	Peck, William Francis	Slingsby, William
Miller, Alexander	Roberts, John Henry	Spencer, Stephen
Molineux, Henry	Rideout, Norman Dunning	Stokes, William Charles
Morgan, Emanuel Briggs	Reece, Thomas White	Stratton, Cornelius Allen
McFarlane, James Clark	Sanborn, Miles Edward	Vanderwarker, Abner K.
McLellan, John George	Saye, George Marion	Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Peacock, James Richard	Schuler, Conrad	Woodworth, Homer Allen
Patterson, George	Seely, John Ambrose	—75.

RESTORED:

McLellan, John George—1.

DIED:

Buttelmann, Frederick Patton, John—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....59	Died 2
Greeted 17	Now borne upon the roll .....75—77.
Restored ..... 1—77.	

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Edwin Aldrich Rodgers, *Th. Ill. Master*, William Gustav Rudorff, *Recorder*,
Tryon Milton Yancy, *Dep. Ill. Master*, James Edgar Requa, *Capt. of the Guard*,
Charles Edward Lang, *P. C. of Works*, Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
Eduard Keil, *Treasurer*, George Carroll Bush, *Steward*,
Samuel Leon, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Alvin Bacon Preston, Gideon Wing,
Stephen Wing, Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,
Charles Edward Lang, James Bell.

SELECT MASTERS:

Bacon, Martin	Harris, Charles Parsons	Mitchell, Fred'k Francis
Bradford, William	Johnson, Andrew Potter	Parsons, Edmond
Calhoun, Henry Clay	Klein, Peter	Phelps, Thos. Lawrence
Carter, John Beach	Long, William Giles	Rooney, John Francis
Hampton, Joseph Moore	Means, Andrew Jackson	Street, Frank *W*—28.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Barlow, Abraham—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report 28	Suspended for non-pay't dues.. 1
Greeted..... 1—29.	Now borne upon the roll.....28—29.

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Mortimer Cherberry Allen, *Th. Ill. M.*, Daniel Potter Bystle, *Recorder*,
William Andrew, *Deputy Ill. Master*, John Sale Strode, *Capt. of the Guard*,
John William Garden, *P. Con. Works*, Gunther F. C. Schroter, *Conductor*,
John Varner Scott, *Treasurer*, Morris Mehon, *Steward*,
Albert Frederick Ross, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle,
Adolph Dobrowsky,
Louis Wellendorff,
William Ely Hopping,
Mortimer Cherberry Allen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Anderson, Charles	Hall, Joseph *N*	Ross, Herman Frederick
Andrews, Alex. Rob'tson	Kimball, Gorham Gates	Rowles, James
Black, Peter Peterson	Kingsley, George Leeman	Scammon, James Freeman
Blossom, Robert Hurd	Lee, Bruce Benjamin	Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Bratten, John Michael	Lord, Ulysses Richard	Shearin, Daniel Thomas
Carr, James E.	Lowden, William Spencer	Smith, Champion *W*
Chase, Guy Horatio	Majors, John Newton	Souter, John
Clements, John	Martin, Rufus Franklin	Sweeny, Edward
Crawford, Isaac Samuel	Miller, Thomas Love	Sweet, Henry Andrew
Cushing, John	Mitchell, Marshall Alex.	Syme, John
Esseck, Belty	Murphy, Sylvanus Ever't	Taggart, Grant Israel
Given, William Cushing	Nichols, James Levin	Taylor, Holloway
Greene, Thomas	Overmeyer, Chas. Edwin	Weil, David
Griggs, Sidney Allen	Paulson, Jacob	Weil, Joseph
Guptill, William Neal	Reynolds, John Edward	Wimmer, Jas. Moses—57.

WITHDRAWN:

Saulan, Andrea—1.

DIED:

Webb, John Paxton—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....59.	Withdrawn..... 1
	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....57—59.

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9.

Helena, Montana Territory.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Booker, *Recorder*,
William McClatchy, *Dep. Ill. Master*, August Weisenhorn, *Capt. of Guard*,
William Dulin Smith, *P. C. of Works*, Henry H. Guthrie, *Conductor*,
Theodore H. Kleinschmidt, *Treasurer*, Michael Reinig, *Steward*,
John C. Major, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornelius Hedges, James W. Hathaway,
James C. Singer, Harry R. Comley,
Walter E. Frederick, William McClatchy,
John C. Major, Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Atchison, Jehu Baker
Bullard, William Reed
Cowden, Henry
Easterly, Allen M.
Evans, Henry D.
Fisk, Andrew J.
Greenhood, Isaac
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Jones, Louis L.
Jury, William
Kennon, Richard T.
Kirkendall, Hugh
Knight, Edward W.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
Murphy, John
Reese, Hugh
Robinson, Jerry
Schwab, Samuel
Seheuer, Frederick V.
Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Smith, Louis N.
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benj. Hutchinson
Walker, Jacob Longacre
Wood, George *W*
Wulff, Iver—43.

WITHDRAWN:

D'Acheul, Harry A.—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....44. Withdrawn 1
Now borne upon the roll .....43—44.

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Richards Hedges, *T. Ill. Mast.*, John Milton La Rue, *Recorder*,
George Alex. McKenzie, *D. Ill. Master*, Henry Ephraim Robbins, *C. of Guard*,
John Garwood, *Prin. Con. Works*, Winfield Webster Prugh, *Conductor*,
William Graham, *Treasurer*, Archibald Leitch, *Steward*,
Phil. T. Brown, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies, Edward Richards Hedges,
Isaac Sutvene Titus, Alexander Chalmers.

SELECT MASTERS:

Abernethy, William Alex.
Bachmann, Carl August
Barber, Joseph Martin
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Batchelder, Benj. Pierce
Caine, John
Castle, Ch'pher Columbus
Cavis, Joseph Mills
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Craig, Howard Milton
Cunningham, Thomas
Dalby, Samuel Price
Dorrance, Henry Tully
Dorsey, Caleb
Elliott, Lyman Weston
Fanning, Howard Malcolm
Fortune, James Pulaski
Fraser, Philip Barry
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Harrison, Norval
Harrison, William Bruce
Haslacher, Jacob
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Hurd, Columbus
Kahn, Louis
Kerr, Benjamin Eddie
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Kirkland, William
Langridge, George Wash.
Lehe, Eugene
Lothrop, Isaac
McGuffick, William
McKinnon, Angus
Milco, Nicola
Moore, Stephen Baldy
Noble, Arthur Morgan
O'Brien, John Henry
Payne, George Albert
Peters, Joseph Daphine
Reid, Robert King
Rhodes, Wm. H. Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Andrew Joseph
Rolerson, Benj. Franklin
Russell, Richard William
Scott, Edward
Shaw, Henry Coffin
Sherman, Edwin Brown
Shurtleff, Geo. Augustus
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Stone, William Henry
Swain, Cornelius
Tilghman, George
Waterman, Solomon
Woods, John Newton
Yardly, John—71.

WITHDRAWN:

Cross, Lester Emmett—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bunnell, Lucius Augustus
Campbell, Doran Lucius
Cutting, Lewis Morrison
Thresher, Minord Sprague—4.

DIED:

Hook, Thomas Kent
Vance, John Anderson—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	73	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	5—78.	Susp'd for non-paym't of dues	4
		Died	2
		Now borne upon the roll	71—78.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

August Wackenbarth, *Th. Ill. Master*, Richard Thomas Mullard, *Recorder*,
John Condit Haskell, *D. Ill. Master*, Patrick Augustine McKanna, *C. of G.*,
Levi Henry Whitson, *Pr. Con. Works*, George Crockett Knox, *Conductor*,
Henry Sayre Orme, *Treasurer*, Horatio Sutton Parcels, *Steward*,
John McIlmoil, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme, Norton Filmore Story,
Horatio Sutton Parcels, George Crockett Knox.
Julius Brousseau,

SELECT MASTERS:

Allen, Gabriel	Hammel, Henry	Polaski, Lewis
Alexander, Henry Nash	Hamilton, Albert Newell	Reiser, Theodore
Bell, Jas. Edgar Stevenson	Heartt, Chas. Lawrence	Reynolds, John Jefferson
Bernstein, Jacob Alfred	Henderson, William H.	Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Bicknell, John Dustin	Hewitt, Eldridge Ed.	Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Biscailuz, Martin Vincent	Hinds, George	Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Branch, James Franklin	Hunt, James Shelley	Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Bright, Joseph Shannon	Iaeger, Louis John Fred'k	Santee, Milton
Brodtbeck, Otto	Illich, Gerolomo	Skinner, John Maxwell
Brooks, Daniel William	Jacobs, Lewis	Smith, Henry Augustus
Bullis, Omri	Jewett, Stanley Punchar'n	Smith, Ira Bacon
Burbank, David	Jordon, Franklin	Spence, Edward Fallis
Burr, William Orange	Knickerbocker, Niles	Strohm, Thomas
Bush, Charles Wilson	Lambie, William Thomas	Sutherland, David Munroe
Campbell, John Mis	Lazzarevich, Giovanni	Valiant, George Francis
Clemens, Andrew	Leake, Edward	Van Doren, John Suydam
Craigue, Solon William	Levy, Michael	Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Crawford, James Seth	McManis, John Rodman	Vignolo, Ambrogio
Cummings, Wm. George	Meyer, Samuel	Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Dearing, Octavus *A*	Miles, David Edwin	Wiggins, Wilson Robert
Denker, Andrew Henry	Morgan, William Adams	Williams, Romayne
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry	Munro, David	Wilson, Thomas Jonathan
Fisher, Charles Locke	Murray, John Emmett	Woodbury, Francis Chute
Freeman, Edwin Herbert	Philips, William Spiller	—82.

WITHDRAWN:

Barrows, Henry Dwight Cunningham, Robert Gilmore—3.
Charnock, Charles

DIED:

Lyster, Henry—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	81	Withdrawn	3
Greeted	4	Died	1
Affiliated	1 - 86.	Now borne upon the roll	82—86.

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Alameda, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Webb Nicholson Pearce, *T. I. Master*, John William McClymonds, *Recorder*,
Edwin Allen Sherman, *D. Ill. Master*, William Clay Smith, *Capt. of Guard*,
Eugene Cormeny, *Prin. Con. Works*, Charles Franklin Burnham, *Conductor*,
George Goodman, *Treasurer*, Henry Philip Dalton, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett, William Frank Pierce, George Joshua Woodruff.
James Bestor Merritt, Edward Harrison Morgan,

SELECT MASTERS:

Ames, George Spencer	Hayes, Daniel Edward	Plunkett, Jas. California
Beeby, Robert John	Hersey, Edgar Amos	Redding, Albert Putnam
Bice, John	Hewes, Charles Wesley	Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Blood, William Frank	French, Robert Elsworth	Sears, Herman *B*
Bradley, John Tilford	Kendall, Alpheus	Spaulding, Nathan West'n
Brown, Lewis Henry	Koser, Newton Alexander	Stone, Andrew *L*
Buckman, Edmund H.	Lamoreaux, Philias Henry	Strong, Milton Grosvener
Cary, Amzi *B*	Martin, Daniel *W*	Thomas, William Robert
Claussen, Henry	Meade, Calvert	Troy, John Henry
Corse, John	Meek, Horry Wert	Wall, Joseph George
Cutter, Chester Guild	Metcalf, George Dickson	Weilbye, Julius Lars
Degan, Ludolph Philip	Michaels, Henry	Weilbye, William Hansen
DeGolia, George Ellis	Miller, James	Wheeler, Osgood Church
Dorwin, Geo. Wadsworth	Morris, Moses	Whitney, George Edwin
Dubbs, Willis Snowden	Parsons, Thomas *J*	Winchester, Ebenezer
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor	Payne, George Henry	Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding	Perkins, Alfred Thomas	Wright, Cyrus Smith
Gunn, Adam Francis	Phillips, John Waterman	Yablonsky, John
Hale, William Elmer	Pierce, Charles Dexter	Zimmerman, John A—72.
Hamilton, Wm. Thomas	Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil	

WITHDRAWN:

Reichling, Louis Frank—1.

EXCLUDED:

Williams, Thomas Stancil—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	53	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	21—74.	Excluded	1
		Now borne upon the roll	72—74.

LIST OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS,

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1869.

	Names of Councils.	No. Council.	Place of Location.		Date when Charter was ordered.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspended for Non-pay. Dues	Suspended for Unmas. Cond.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
			Town.	County.												
1	Sacramento	1	Sacramento,	Sacramento,	June 27, 1860.	16				1				7	205	$118 50
2	California	2	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	" " "	39	1			1				5	341	209 50
3	Marysville	3	Marysville,	Yuba,	" " "	17		1						2	75	54 50
*	Sierra Nevada	4	Placerville,	El Dorado,	" " "											
4	Sonora	5	Sonora,	Tuolumne,	May 8, 1861.	1					1				28	15 00
5	Shasta	6	Shasta,	Shasta,	May 7, 1862.				1					1	57	28 50
*	Virginia	7	Virginia City,	Nevada State,	Oct. 18, 1865.											
*	Yreka	8	Yreka,	Siskiyou,	Oct. 22, 1868											
6	Helena	9	Helena,	Montana Ter.,	" " "				1						43	21 50
7	Stockton	10	Stockton,	San Joaquin,	April 7, 1870.	5			1		4			2	71	40 50
8	Los Angeles	11	Los Angeles,	Los Angeles,	April 13, 1871.	4	1		3					1	82	45 00
9	Oakland	12	Oakland,	Alameda,	April 12, 1833.	21			1	1					72	57 00
	Totals					103	2	1	7	3	5			18	974	$590 00

* Charter surrendered.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Connecticut	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
Illinois	Isaac Sutvene Titus	San Francisco.
Indiana	David Pugh Marshall	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Nebraska	William Caldwell Belcher	Marysville.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Ohio	Cornelius Kellogg	Sacramento.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	Adolphus Hollub	San Francisco.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.

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Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	Marcus L. Bell	Pine Bluff.
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Millersburg.
Louisiana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Eugene H. Richards	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Nebraska	Edwin A. Allen	North Loup.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	Thomas H. Gliddon	Rochester.
Ohio	E. B. Jewett	Columbus.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	John L. Young	Philadelphia.
South Carolina	John R. Allen	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.

GRAND COUNCILS

IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

WITH ADDRESSES OF GRAND RECORDERS.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
ARKANSAS,	James A. Henry,	Little Rock.
CANADA,	J. Ross Robertson,	Toronto.
CONNECTICUT,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
ENGLAND AND WALES,	C. F. Matier,	8A Red Lion Square, London, W. C..
FLORIDA,	John Carlovitz,	Milton.
GEORGIA,	Andrew M. Wolihin,	Albany.
ILLINOIS,	Gil. W. Barnard,	Chicago.
INDIANA,	William H. Smythe,	Indianapolis.
KANSAS,	John H. Brown,	Wyandotte.
KENTUCKY,	L. D. Croninger,	Covington.
LOUISIANA,	Richard Lambert,	New Orleans.
MAINE,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
MARYLAND,	George L. McCahan,	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,	Alfred F. Chapman,	Boston.
MICHIGAN,	Garra B. Noble,	Detroit.
MINNESOTA,	William Chenry,	Minneapolis.
MISSOURI,	William H. Mayo,	St. Louis.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	George P. Cleaves,	Concord.
NEW JERSEY,	Charles Bechtel,	Trenton.
NEW YORK,	George Van Vliet,	New York.
NORTH CAROLINA,	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
OHIO,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
OREGON	Frelon J. Babcock,	Salem.
PENNSYLVANIA,	Charles E. Meyer,	Philadelphia.
RHODE ISLAND,	William R. Greene,	Providence.
SOUTH CAROLINA,	Zimmerman Davis,	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,	Benjamin F. Haller,	Memphis.
VERMONT	Warren G. Reynolds,	Burlington.
WISCONSIN	John W. Laflin,	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. COUNCIL U. S.,	Henry W. Mordhurst,	Fort Wayne, Ind.

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council, June 26, A. Dep. 2860.

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Prin. Con of the Works.*

1861.

WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, ... *Grand Master;*
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ... *Grand Master;*
ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN ASHBY TUTT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY, ... *Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand Master;*
ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ... *Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1868.

*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX, ... *Gvand Illustrious Master;*
STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS, ... *Grand Master;*
STEPHEN WING, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*LEONARD GOSS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
THOMAS KYLE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand Master;*
THOMAS KYLE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

THOMAS KYLE, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ... *Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works*

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1879.

EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Grand Master;*
WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER:

WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,

SACRAMENTO.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,

SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.

The Thirtieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the fourteenth day of April, A. D. 1890, Anno Dep. 2890, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THOS. H. CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

R. & S. M.

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

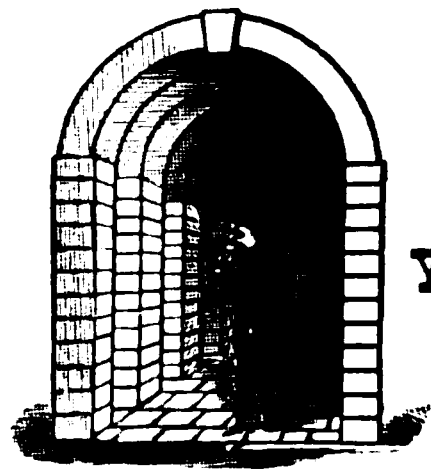
M.·.P.·.Grand Council

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

State of California



FOR THE YEAR 1890.

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.·. I.·. GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT ITS

Thirtieth Annual Assembly,

HELD AT THE

Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco,

ON

Monday, April 14, A. D. 1890, A. Dep. 2890.

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GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE

Year Commencing April, A. D. 1890, A. Dep. 2890.

M.·. I.·. **WILLIAM F. PIERCE,..** GRAND MASTER, ... *Oakland;*

R.·. I.·. **DAVID P. MARSHALL,** .DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, .*San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. **GEO. PENLINGTON,.** { GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS, } *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. **FRANKLIN H. DAY,....** GRAND TREASURER, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. **THOS. H. CASWELL,...** GRAND RECORDER, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. **CHAS. D. BARROWS,...** GRAND CHAPLAIN, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. **CHAS. E. GILLETT,..** { GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS. } *Oakland;*

R.·. I.·. **GEORGE C. KNOX,...** { GRAND CONDUCTOR OF COUNCIL. } *Los Angeles;*

R.·. I.·. **CHARLES L. FIELD,...** GRAND LECTURER, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. **WILLIAM H. DAVIS,...** GRAND STEWARD, ... *Sacramento;*

Ill.·. **SAMUEL D. MAYER,...** GRAND ORGANIST, ... *San Francisco;*

Ill.·. **JAMES OGLESBY,.....** GRAND SENTINEL, ... *San Francisco.*

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California commenced its thirtieth Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Monday, the fourteenth day of April, A. D. 1890, A. Dep. 2890, at ten o'clock A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS :

The *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, . . . *Deputy Grand Master*, presiding;
" *R.·. I.·.* DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, . . . *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works:*
" *R.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Treasurer;*
" *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, *Grand Recorder;*
" *R.·. I.·.* ————————————, ... *Grand Chaplain;*
" *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON, ... *Grand Captain of the Guards;*
" *R.·. I.·.* ————————————, . . *Grand Conductor of Council;*
" *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Lecturer;*
" *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, . *Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, ... *Grand Organist;*
" *Ill.·.* JAMES OGLESBY, ... *Grand Sentinel;*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS :

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Past Grand Master;*
" *M.·. I.·.* STEPHEN WING, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON . . . . . " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... " " "

And the Representatives of five chartered Councils, with several Past Thrice Illustrious Masters by service under this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being a sufficient representation present, the Grand Council of California was opened in Ample Form, with music by the choir.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee:—

On Credentials:..... { Comp. David Pugh Marshall, " George Penlington, " Charles Edwin Gillett.

After a short recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of chartered Councils, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, as being present and entitled to seats, viz:—

Sacramento,..No. 1,.. { William Hewson Davis, Thrice Illustrious Master; Powell Samuel Lawson, William Monroe Petrie, } Past Thrice Illustrious Masters.

California,..No. 2,.. { Henry Ascroft, Prin. Con. of the Works; Thomas Kyle, Franklin Henry Day, Charles Lord Field, David Pugh Marshall, Isaac Stanwood Locke, George Penlington, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Sonora, ...No. 5,....Stephen Wing, Past Thrice Ill. Master.

Shasta,.....No. 6,....Daniel Potter Bystle, { Past Th. Ill. M. & prox. for Th. Ill. Master, Dep. Ill. Master, & Prin. Con. of the Works.

Stockton,.....No. 10,..William Abraham Davies, Past Th. Ill. Master.

Los Angeles,..No. 11,..John Condit Haskell, Dep. Ill. Master.

Oakland,...No. 12,.. { Edwin Allen Sherman, Th. Ill. Master. Eugene Cormeny, Dep. Ill. Master. Charles Edwin Gillett, James Bestor Merritt, Willliam Frank Pierce, } Past Th. Ill. Masters.

Which report was concurred in, and the Companions named therein were admitted to seats.

The reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following regular committees:

On Jurisprudence;

Comp. Franklin Henry Day,
" Edwin Allen Sherman,
" Jacob Hart Neff.

On Appeals and Grievances:

Comp. Charles Lord Field,
" Eugene Cormeny,
" William Hewson Davis.

On Finances and Returns:

Comp. James Bestor Merritt,
" Isaac Stanwood Locke,
" Thomas Kyle.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master being absent by reasons of serious illness, his Annual Address was read by the Grand Recorder, as follows:

ILL.·. COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:—

Another year has passed, and again we are permitted to assemble, to advance, as far as our ability goes, the interests of Cryptic Masonry.

During the year there have been no questions of doubt or dispute submitted to me for decision, which would seem to indicate that "peace and harmony" prevail.

I have not visited any subordinate Council (except my own), during the year. About the time I was making preparations to do so, I was attacked by an insidious disease, which has now become chronic, and which has rendered it impossible for me to leave my home. I regret this very much, as I had anticipated a great deal of pleasure in those visits.

The third Triennial Session of the General Grand Council was held at Atlanta, Georgia, on the 19th of November, 1889. Being unable to attend in person, P. M. I. G. M. HENRY SAYRE ORME was authorized to represent this Grand Council in the General Grand Council. From the well known ability of the worthy Companion, it is hardly necessary to say that this Grand Body was ably represented.

During the year death has taken from amongst us one of our most illustrious Companions, P. M. I. G. M., JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH. Companion ENGLISH had enjoyed his full share of Masonic honors, having been *M.·. W.·.* Grand Master of Masons of the State of California, *M.·. E.·.* Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master of the Grand Council and *R.·. E.·.* Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. The funeral services were conducted by

the Grand Lodge of Masons, P. G. M., E. C. ATKINSON officiating, who closed a beautiful eulogy with the following tribute: "He was a zealous Mason, an honored citizen, a faithful friend. But his days are numbered and his work is done. We now lay him reverently in the bosom of our mother earth, there to rest 'until the day breaks and the shadows flee away.' May the influence of the sad scene be not wholly lost, but may it remain with us to soften and to soothe, and by its mild persuasion urge our minds to vaster issues, and prepare us in a measure for the eventful scene through which we, too, must pass ere many years or months shall have rolled away. May we so order our lives, under the guidance of the pure principles of our beloved fraternity, that when we have completed our earthly course, and reached the goal of the mortal, our brothers may say of us, as we to-day say of our honored dead:

'Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won,
Now comes rest'"

And now, Companions, I resign into your hands the power you was pleased to intrust me with, and thank you for the great honor conferred.

WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,
Grand Master.

Which Address was referred to a special committee of three. Whereupon the Deputy Grand Master appointed as such committee:—

On Grand Master's Address......	Comp. William Abraham Davies,
	" Stephen Wing,
	" Ebenezer Winchester.

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:

The undersigned respectfully reports the following as showing the transactions of his office since the last Annual Assembly:—

In seven weeks after the close of the last Annual Assembly the transactions thereat were printed, and the usual number distributed as follows:—

One copy to each of the Grand Officers and such Past Grand Officers as are permanent members of this Grand Council; one copy to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils; three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of the subordinate Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction.

By order of the Grand Master, commissions to Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils, have been issued as follows:—

On the fifth day of March, 1890, to Comp. ARTHUR P. CRANE, of Toledo, near the Grand Council of Ohio;

Same date, to Comp. W. A. SPAULDING, of Minneapolis, near the Grand Council of Minnesota;

Same date, to Comp. Robert S. Franklin, of Newport, near the Grand Council of Rhode Island; and

On the eighth day of March, 1890, to Comp. GEORGE LAING, of Pittsburgh, near the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, vice Comp. JOHN L. YOUNG, deceased.

That Cryptic Masonry is still prospering in this Grand Jurisdiction will appear from the following, collated from the annual reports of the subordinate Councils:—

Number greeted during the year	70	
Number affiliated	2	
Number restored	1	—
Total increase		73
Number withdrawn	6	
Number excluded	3	
Number suspended for non-payment of dues	7	
Number died	16	—
Total decrease		32
Net increase for the year		41

Number of affiliated Royal and Select Masters on January 31, 1890, 1015.

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder's office since the last Annual Assembly:—

RECEIPTS.

Sacramento Council,	No. 1,	dues to February 1, 1890	$135 50
California,	No. 2,	" " " "	195 00
Marysville,	No. 3,	" " " "	37 00
Sonora,	No. 5,	" " " "	13 00
Shasta,	No. 6,	" " " "	37 00
Helena,	No. 9,	" " " "	34 00
Stockton,	No. 10,	" " " "	35 50
Los Angeles,	No. 11,	" " " "	42 50
Oakland,	No. 12,	" " " "	48 00
Total for dues			$577 50
Received for dispensation to elect officers for last year and not paid			5 00
Received for two volumes of proceedings			4 00
Making total receipts for the year			$586 50
Amount paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith submitted			$586 50
Twelve warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer, amounting in the aggregate to			$408 60

The undersigned also reports that he had one hundred copies of the

revised Constitution and Regulations printed and bound in pamphlet form, of which five copies were forwarded to each of our constituent Councils.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report as follows—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements since the last annual assembly:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. & S. M. of California:—

1889.			
April 15.	To balance cash on hand		$229 55
1890.			
Feb. 20	To received from Grand Recorder		503 00
Mch. 17.	" " " " "		83 50
			$816 05
1889.			
May 3.	By paid T. H. Caswell,	Voucher No. 1	$ 37 50
" 28.	" " James Oglesby,	" " 2	10 00
June 5.	" " T. H. Caswell,	" " 3	18 75
July 8.	" " " "	" " 4	18 75
" 9.	" " " "	" " 5	4 60
" 9.	" " F. Eastman & Co.,	" " 6	140 00
1890.			
Feb. 20.	" " T. H. Caswell,	" " 7	93 75
" 20.	" " " "	" " 8	9 26
Mch 17.	" " " "	" " 9	37 50
" 17.	" " F. Eastman & Co.,	" " 10	9 75
" 17.	" " Samuel D. Mayer,	" " 11	10 00
" 17.	" " T. H. Caswell,	" " 12	18 75
			408 60
April 14.	Balance cash on hand		$407 45

Respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California.

Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully report that the proceedings of the following Grand Councils have been received and reviewed:—

ARKANSAS	for 1889	MISSOURI	for 1889
CONNECTICUT	" 1889	NEBRASKA	" 1888
ENGLAND AND WALES	" 1889	NEW HAMPSHIRE	" 1888–89
ILLINOIS	" 1889	NEW JERSEY	" 1889–90
INDIANA	" 1889	NEW YORK	" 1889
KANSAS	" 1889	OHIO	" 1889
KENTUCKY	" 1889	PENNSYLVANIA	" 1889
LOUSIANA	" 1885–90	SOUTH CAROLINA	" 1889
MAINE	" 1889	TENNESSEE	" 1889
MICHIGAN	" 1889–90	VERMONT	" 1889
MINNESOTA	" 1890	GEN'L. GRAND COUNCIL	" 1889
MISSISSIPPI	" 1890		

Making twenty-two in all, and showing a gain of five over the number reported last year.

Truly the "stings of an awakened conscience" have in some measure proved effectual, and we trust that an extra prick may be given to those Grand Recorders who still remain deaf to our oft-repeated entreaties and fail to send us their proceedings.

ARKANSAS.

The twenty-seventh Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Little Rock, on the twenty-first day of November, 1889, the *M.·. I.·.* D. D. LEACH, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* JAMES A. HENRY being Grand Recorder. Fifteen subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is very brief, but implies much. A few extracts, which compose the major part of the address, will enable any Companion to draw a mental picture of the condition of Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas:—

"'Circumstances over which I have had no control,' have prevented me from giving the due and necessary attention to the demands of my position that should and ought to have been rendered; yet I congratulate you Companions, upon the condition of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction, and welcome you to the feast of fraternal love and friendship. Peace and harmony prevails, and I can assure you that the future prosperity of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction is brightening, and by a union of sentiment and activity, we must surely succeed."

"Again there has been no disturbing element in this Grand Jurisdiction, nothing to tax the executive duties of my position, but a continued fraternal feeling of brotherly love and friendship. Not a question has

been referred to me for an official decision, demonstrating that our Companions are well versed in the law of the order. I appointed as my proxy to the General Grand Council, Ill. P. G. M. GEORGE L. KIMBALL."

"We know of no cause of complaint of the progress of the Order in this jurisdiction. Numbers sometimes denotes weakness. The true, the faithful, the just and the upright, consistent jewels in the crown of success, denote undeniable strength. Our relations with other sister jurisdictions is satisfactory. We secure from them criticism and praise, when due."

We congratulate our *M.·. I.·.* Companion upon his powers of condensation and concentration. There is more expressed or implied information in these three paragraphs than is to be gained from several pages of some addresses that frequently come under our notice. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $63.25. The following resolutions were continued in force until the next Annual Assembly:—

"*Resolved*, That the Most Puissant Grand Master be requested to proceed to ascertain which of the subordinate Councils were existing, and whose Charters have not been forfeited and revoked at the time of the last Assembly of this Grand Council, and take the necessary steps to reorganize and go to work under their Charters.

"*Second*, That the Most Puissant Grand Master take the legal steps to cut off and revoke the Charters of all Councils that do not reorganize, go to work, and comply with the provisions of the Constitution in making returns and paying dues."

That is the right course to pursue. So long as there are signs of life, foster and encourage it; when no signs of life are apparent, cut off the dead limb from the sound tree, that decay may not spread farther.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That after this date the Grand Council shall not confer the degree of Royal and Select Master on any Companion unless said Companion shall have been regularly elected by the subordinate Council in whose jurisdiction he may reside."

Correct.

Five Companions, who had been regularly elected in their respective Councils, were then received and greeted as Royal and Select Masters.

This finished the business and the Grand Council was closed in AMPLE FORM, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

There are eighteen subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 315.

The *M.·. I.·.* FAY HEMPSTEAD was elected Grand Master, Grand Recorder re-elected.

CONNECTICUT.

This venerable Grand Council held its seventy-first Annual Assembly in the city of New Haven, on the thirteenth day of May, 1889, the *M.·. I.·.* JOHN P. WEIR, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* JOSEPH K. WHEELER being grand Recorder. Fourteen subordinate Councils were represented. The Address of the Grand Master is a brief resumé of his

official acts, one of which was to appoint Comp. CHARLES E. GILLETT of Oakland, as Representative of the Grand Council of Connecticut, near our own, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comp. GRIMES.

He had officially visited several of the sudordinate Councils and was evidently pleased, both with the manner of his reception, which was nourishing in each instance, and with the condition of the bodies visited. He had only been called upon once to give an official opinion, but, as the point at issue was covered by existing law, he did not deem it of sufficient importance to embody it in his report. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on the wrong side of the ledger, of $29.51.

On motion, a committee was appointed to ascertain the true word of a Select Master. In this jurisdiction, if he is very select, it is "Pommery Sec." No legislation of general interest was had.

The Report on Correspondence is again from the versatile pen of Comp. WM. WALLACE LEE, and is "good enough what there is of it, and enough of it such as it is." The fact is, this able writer is "cribbed, cabined and confined" in an empty treasury, where he has no room to spread himself, and whenever he undertakes to make sail, he suddenly finds himself on a *Lee* shore, and is compelled to let go both anchors or run his craft into financial breakers. It is too bad that he should be thus hampered. We would be pleased to see Comp. LEE sailing over the Cryptic sea with a fair wind and plenty of sea-room; "a bone in his mouth" and a dry poop, for under such circumstances we feel assured he would make a splendid trip, noting every point of interest by the way, until he dropped his best-bower in the harbor of conclusion. When he "breaks bulk," and discharges an assorted cargo like the following, we feel that he is one with whom we would gladly sail in company, even if we did sometimes differ as to the exact latitude and longitude at eight bells. He says:—

"Some discussion is being had among the wise-heads as to what is or was the constitutional number for a council. I was made a Select Master in 1859; at that time our constitutional limit was five, and so it remained until we revised and adopted the standard ritual in 1864. I don't know how long it had been so, but I have never found anything to indicate that there was any other number fixed by law in Connecticut. As the Rite was established here in Connecticut by JEREMY L. CROSS, and under his supervision, it is fair to infer he knew something about it and what was requisite. Probably if he were living now he would be told, by some wise ones, that he knew nothing at all about it, and some history would be invented to prove it. Some Masonic writers have very fertile imaginations. Much is said and written about guarding well the ballot, the necessity of rigid scrutiny, etc., etc., and it is sometimes carried to an extent that is nauseating. In my thirty-five and more years of Masonic life my observation is that more men and Masons are black-balled from personal and political spite than from any conscientious convictions of the moral unfitness of the applicant. I have seen some of the cleanest and noblest men in the community rejected by the vote of men who morally were not fit to black the shoes of the applicant; I have seen pure, high-minded, zealous Masons, active in Lodge and Masonic work, rejected in the Chap-

ter by the vote of the most unworthy member; I have seen men rejected in the Council who would be an ornament to any organization, religious or secular, by the vote of the class described above. I know to-day one of our bright American Masons whose application I saw rejected thirty-five years ago. That was before that pestilent idea of aristocracy and monarchical government, perpetual allegiance or jurisdiction, had been invented, so far as Masonry is concerned. Had it existed then one of the brightest members of the G. G. Chapter and the G. G. Encampment to-day would have been kept out forever. One of the noblest and purest of all our Connecticut soldiers, who died at the head of his regiment, was kept out of the Chapter by one of those mean, contemptible Masons I have spoken of. I could call the name many of you know, whose songs you have read and been charmed with, who was kept out of a Council in the same contemptible way. Pardon me if I speak strongly; I have seen a great many mean things done in Masonry, I am only telling you what I know; can give names and places and almost the day, although so many years have passed; I think we need less written law, not more. More manhood and less of symbolism, philosophy and the like, which nine times out of ten are mere words, words, words. My experience leads me to this conclusion: Masonry will not make any one of a broad, tolerant nature, whose leading traits are those of intolerance, jealousy and little meannesses, any more than religion will. Christians and Masons do some mighty mean things, as all know who have lived half a century and kept their eyes open. I am not a preacher, only a mechanic, and perhaps you may think it is not my province to moralize; but I say as a Mason our lives ought at least to come within speaking distance of the doctrines we preach. When Masons' lives are all squared by the tenets and teachings of Masonry we shall need no long-winded orations or disquisitions to set forth the good of Masonry, for the world at large will see it exemplified in manly living."

True as gospel, Comp. LEE, every word of it. Shake!

There are twenty-two subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 2,315. *M.·. I.·.* SAMUEL BASSETT, Grand Master; *R.·. I.·.* JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown (North America excepted), was held in the city of London on the seventh day of February, 1889, the *M.·. I.·.* Rev. Canon PORTAL, M. A., Grand Master, presiding; the *R.·. I.·.* C. F. MATIER (P. D. G. M.) being Grand Recorder. The following Grand Councils were represented: Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the General Grand Council of the United States. The Executive Committee reported that largely increased interest had been taken in the degrees of the Cryptic Rite, which before long, they hoped, would result in the formation of Councils in distant parts of England. The deaths of Comp. GEORGE P. BROCKBANK, Representative of Maryland, and ROB. MORRIS, Representative of the Grand Council of England and

Wales, near the Grand Council of Kentucky, were announced, and a fraternal tribute was paid to their memory.

The Executive Committee further report that:—

"The Grand Master having granted a warrant to certain Brethren in Brighton was pleased to appoint Comp. the EARL OF EUSTON as Consecrating Officer, and on the 30th August, the Brighthelmstone Council, No. 15, was formally consecrated and constituted by the Noble Companion, assisted by many of the Grand Officers.

"Grand Council continues to maintain the most amicable and fraternal relations with the Grand Councils of the United States, Canada, and Scotland, and the committee beg to acknowledge with renewed thanks the reports of proceedings which continue to reach them from time to time, showing the large increase of the Order both in number and popularity."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of £54 17s. 5d, and outstanding obligations of £30 more, which should be paid into the treasury, making the total assets £84 17s. 5d, or $424.30.

"The election of Grand Master being in order, *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. A. F. GODSON, *M.·. P.·.* Dep. Grand Master, proposed the re-election of Rev. Canon PORTAL *M.·. A.·.*, by whose wise and far-seeing judgment the Order was founded in England, and under whose benign and genial sway it had taken such firm hold. On this proposition being seconded by *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. R. BERRIDGE, it was carried by acclamation, and the GRAND DIRECTOR of the CEREMONIES proclaimed the Reverend GEORGE RAYMOND PORTAL, Master of Arts in the University of Oxford, Rector of Burghclere, in the County of Southampton, Canon of Winchester Cathedral, Past Grand Master of Mark Master Masons, etc., Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of England and Wales.

"The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master was then saluted according to ancient custom."

Alas, the uncertainty of life! How little those present dreamed that, within a little more than three months, this beloved Grand Master, whom all delighted to honor, would receive the summons to "come up higher," and give an account of his stewardship. Rev. Canon PORTAL has, for many years, been prominent in English Masonry, and his many virtues were known and appreciated by many Masons on this side of the Atlantic. We tender to our Companions of England our sincere sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

At a Special Meeting of the Grand Council, held on the ninth day of May, 1889, an election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Canon PORTAL, which resulted in the unanimous election of the Right Hon. the EARL OF EUSTON, who, on being announced, was presented and obligated by *R.·. Ill.·.* C. F. MATIER, who afterwards installed his lordship in the chair. Whereupon the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed that—

"The Right Honorable HENRY JAMES, Earl of Euston, Provincial Grand Master, and Grand Superintendent of Northants and Hunts, Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Suffolk, Colonel of the 1st Volunteer Battalion the Northamptonshire Regiment, Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Suffolk and Northampton, &c., &c., &c., has been installed *M.·. Ill.·.*

Grand Master for the year ensuing, and the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master was saluted according to ancient custom."

The Grand Master then announced that, as the majority of the sister Grand Councils had abolished the office of Grand Illustrious Master, he was of the opinion that the Grand Council of England and Wales should do likewise; and it was done. We would recommend that fraternal relations be established with this Grand Council and an exchange of Representatives effected.

ILLINOIS.

The proceedings for this Grand Council for 1889 are comprised in a handsome volume of one hundred and forty-eight pages, seventy-three of which come under the head of "appendix."

The thirty-seventh Annual Assembly was held in the city of Chicago on the twenty-third day of October, 1889, the *M.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE M. MOULTON, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* GIL. W. BARNARD being Grand Recorder.

Thirty-eight subordinate Councils were represented. The Grand Master delivered an excellent Address, in which he says:—

"Universal harmony prevails among the Royal Craft. No sound of discord has been heard from any quarter. Peace reigns tranquilly throughout the length and breadth of our jurisdiction in all that pertains to Cryptic Masonry. Yet it is not that undesired peace and quiet which attends stagnation, and which might be symbolized by the grave, or by some shallow pool sequestered from life in the hidden recesses of some wilderness. But rather the peace resulting from the harmonious relations existing between the active elements of busy life, each working with united purpose for a common good.

"Like the river, which, as it travels onward to the mighty ocean, gathers volume, strength and intensity in its course, thereby increasing its capacity for service to mankind,—quietly and steadily pursuing its ever onward course, never receding but ever advancing to its destined goal; so has been the course and progress of Cryptic Masonry during the past twelve months. Never has the Rite been so strong in this jurisdiction as at the present time. We trust that this improvement, which has been manifesting itself steadily and surely since 1883, may continue."

He announces the death P. G. M. WILLIAM M. AVISE, and pays a fraternal tribute to his memory. Appropriate mention is also made of the death of other distinguished Royal and Select Masters, both in his own and other jurisdictions.

One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Council, and its reports being in regular form a Charter was granted it by the Grand Council and it was duly launched upon the Cryptic sea with colors flying and ready for action in the good cause.

He reports that he had personally constituted three new Councils, chartered at the last Annual Assembly, and speaks in the highest terms of their efficiency and the zeal manifested by their members.

He had visited officially twenty-one of the subordinate Councils, and of these visits, he says:—

"With but one exception, which was that of my first visit to Sterling, upon all these occasions, I conferred the degrees of Cryptic Masonry upon several Companions with the assistance of the officers of the respective Councils visited. The several occasions were of such a uniformly pleasant nature, that it would be superfluous to describe them in detail. Cordiality, loyalty to the Grand Council, zeal for the Rite, bounteous hospitality, good fellowship, and the most pleasant associations and new born ties of friendship characterized one and all of them. Were it not for the fact that other engagements of a business nature had taxed my time to a greater extent than ordinarily, and in addition thereto the fact that my official connection with other Masonic organizations required considerable attention during the year just closing, I should have esteemed it a privilege to have visited other of the Councils in the State. I trust that my successor in office will be enabled to enjoy a similar pleasant experience to mine, in becoming directly and closely acquainted with the members of the fraternal family, of which for the time being he may be the acknowledged head."

One Council, owing to scarcity of material from which to draw sustenance, died of inanition, but with this exception the Cryptic Rite in Illinois appears to be in a flourishing and prosperous condition.

In concluding his well prepared Address, the Grand Master says:—

"As stated herein before, it is my opinion that the Cryptic Rite is stronger to-day in Illinois than ever before. This result is due largely to the intelligent, well-directed and persistent efforts of my illustrious predecessors. It has been my ambition to retain all the progress heretofore obtained, and to strengthen our position, so that the future may be assured."

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was laid over under the rule for one year:—

"A standing committee is hereby created to be known as the 'Committee on the Condition of the Rite,' to whom shall be referred all matters pertaining to the welfare and prosperity of the Rite in this jurisdiction, not properly referable to other committees, and which, in addition, shall originate, and from time to time report to this Grand Council such matters as in their judgment shall be conducive to the aforesaid ends."

The idea is a good one, and we trust the amendment will be adopted.

The charters of ten dormant Councils were declared forfeited. That is well. Cut off the dead branches, that the parent tree may thrive all the more luxuriantly.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $469.18. The prominent feature of the proceedings, is the able and interesting Report on Correspondence by Comp. L. R. JEROME. In his opening remarks, he says:

"It is with unfeigned pleasure we report a great improvement in the tone of feeling evinced by the writers on correspondence and the action of the Grand Councils of the United States. A more fraternal feeling is evident, showing that our companions of the Cryptic Rite mean to act justly by us, and that it was only necessary to call their attention to our true status and convince them of our real condition to enlist their sympathy and efforts to procure us substantial justice. Indeed, so manifest has this fraternal feeling become, and so extensive, that we confidently expect to see the General Grand Council recede from its narrow and unfraternal position at its next

meeting, and exhibit a willingness to do what is right in the matter. Such action would certainly be for the interest of the General Grand Body, as thus, and thus only, can it ever hope to induce several other of the larger grand jurisdictions to become its constituents.

"It is manifestly to the interest of all concerned that these hair-splitting quibbles should be forever silenced, and each Grand Council be understood to be the proper judge of the qualifications of its own members, a fundamental principle, not only in Masonry, but in legislation of all kinds as well.

"There is no principle involved in the exclusion of R. & S. Masters made in Chapter Councils. Then why in excluding those made in Chapters? We received the degrees from the Chapter first, earlier from the A. A. S. Rite. Ought we to be ashamed of our pedigree? and despise our Father or our Grandfather? The question should be, were the degrees properly conferred? Have the grips, signs and words been properly received? And was the Ritual correct? As well might we object to a Brother who had been initiated in a tavern (as was formerly the custom) or a school house as to object to a Comp. R. & S. M. being made anywhere but in a warranted council.

"It is simply bigotry to insist on such financial conditions. The Masons of Syria have no lodges, recognize no degrees; but they have the grips and signs correct. Shall we refuse to fraternize with them because, forsooth, they have refused to make any innovations in the body of Masonry, but continue to confer it in precisely the same way and manner as it was done in Solomon's time? If not, why should we be so fastidious about the place and surroundings in which our companions have received the degrees?"

At the Third Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council, held in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, in November, 1889, on motion of Comp. WILLIAM ABRAM LOVE, of Georgia, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That all questions now pending between this General Grand Council, and Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters not constituents of the same, on constitutional constructions or differences of opinion as to status and condition of Councils, Grand Councils, or individual Royal and Select Masters, be referred to the Committee on Crytic Jurisprudence, with instructions to investigate the same and report with recommendation to this present General Grand Assembly."

That Committee, after duly considering the subject, submitted the following report:—

"The Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution presented by Comp. WILLIAM ABRAM LOVE, beg leave to offer the following as an additional section to Article one, of the Constitution, to be known as:

"SEC. 15. State Grand Councils shall determine the legal status of the Royal and Select Masters of their several jurisdictions."

Which report was concurred in, and the proposed amendment to the Constitution adopted by UNANIMOUS VOTE. Surely this ought to satisfy our worthy Companions of Illinois, and set the vexed question at rest forever.

Comp. JEROME'S notice of California for 1889, is genial and fraternal, and he gives us a generous share of his space.

With reference to the amendment to our Constitution, which virtually declares that the General Grand Council has sole authority of States and Territories in which no Grand Council exists, Comp. JEROME asks:—

"What would the Companion say if the Grand Council of Connecticut, Pennsylvania or Illinois, should charter some Councils in Alabama? Would it not be a sad commentary on Companion CASWELL'S assertion that the 'G. G. C. now having *sole* authority over such States and Territories,' (*i. e.*., as have not Gr. Councils?)"

We say simply, that we should greatly regret to see any Grand Council adopt a course that would be likely to prove subversive of peace and harmony.

The General Grand Council has by the amendment to its Constitution, before quoted, yielded all that Illinois desired, and every Royal and Select Master, recognized as such by the Grand Council of Illinois, will be received and greeted by any Council under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council. This is precisely the action we predicted the General Grand Council would take in the interests of peace, and it is right. Our position on the question was correctly stated last year, when we wrote:—

"If a Companion applies for admittance to one of our Councils, who can prove that he is a member in good standing of a legally constituted Council of Royal and Select Masters, that should be sufficient for us. We need not stop to inquire whether he was made upon the highest hills or in the lowest vales; the fact that he is a member in good standing of a just and legally constituted Council, held under the authority of a recognized Grand Council, should open to him the doors of any Council of Royal and Select Masters in the world."

To which Comp. JEROME responded:—

"Why! that is what we have all along been contending for. The question *should be*, was he properly made, and is he in possession of the proper work? Not whether he was made in a chartered Council or a Council U. D. appurtenant or otherwise. The Comp. has good reasoning powers and will soon work out clearly in his own mind the true and Masonic solution of the difficulty."

Well, now that Illinois has received all that she has "been contending for," we trust she will at her next Annual Assembly unite with the majority of her Companions and become a constituent of the General Grand Council. Her members, no matter where or how made, so long as they are recognized by her, will be recognized everywhere. If a colt is born in a cow-pen, it does not make a calf of him; he will be recognized as a colt wherever he may go, and Illinois' colts will all be considered as thoroughbreds, and given as good pasturage as can be found on the Cryptic Ranch.

Comp. JEROME says: "If CASWELL would take the advice we gave him and use 'Old Rye,' he might not get things so badly mixed. Bourbon is apt to produce confusion of ideas." Well, we have sometimes been caught 'comin' through the Rye,' or rather the 'Rye' coming through us, but for 'steddy booze,' we prefer old Bourbon."

As a parting shot, he gives us the following:—

"If 'the so-called Mississippi plan is dead!! dead!!!' it has left a numerous and respectable progeny in Illinois, not likely to submit to imposition. And if they are denied the rights and privileges they were promised, may possibly make matters too warm to be interesting to such chivalrous companions even as THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL."

Well, Comp. JEROME, in order to finally settle this controversy, we propose that you shall come to California, we will each take a bottle of "Old Rye" as weapons and proceed to the ninth arch, where we will have it out in good old Chivalric style, and he who stands longest shall be declared the victor. Please answer by return mail.

The returns from the subordinate Councils show a total membership of 2,126.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM K. FORSYTH was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* GIL. W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

This Grand Council held its thirty-fourth Annual Assembly in the city of Indianapolis, on the twenty-second day of October, 1886,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE S. JONES, Grand Master, the *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM H. SMYTHE being Grand Recorder. Representatives from thirty-six of the forty subordinate Councils were present.

The Grand Master's Address is principally confined to matters of local interest and to a recital of his official acts. He pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead in his own and other jurisdictions. Owing to serious illness, the Grand Recorder, Comp. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, resigned his office, and Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE was appointed to the vacancy. He says:—

"It has been a source of much congratulation to read the reports of proceedings of other Grand Councils and see the high estimation in which the Grand Council of Indiana is held by our sister organizations throughout the world of Cryptic Masonry. In the language of a correspondent, we are looked upon as 'one of the fortunate Grand Councils, where there is no trouble, where they get together, elect officers, have a good time and go home.' We can plead guilty to the 'soft impeachment,' and give the credit to the loyalty and good sense of the Royal and Select Masters of Indiana, who keep the machinery of their government so well oiled that it almost runs itself. May our Grand Council never cease to enjoy this enviable prominence."

One dispensation was issued for the formation of a new Council. He recommended the diminution of the office of Grand Illustrious Master, from the list of Grand Officers, and the Committee on Jurisprudence reported an amendment to the Constitution in accordance with the recommendation, which was seconded by a unanimous vote and ordered to lie over under the rule until the next Annual Assembly.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $2,590.20; an excellent showing.

Charters were granted to two Councils under dispensation. The proceedings generally are of local interest solely.

A well prepared Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. HENRY W. MORDHURST, who was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comp. ALBERT P. CHARLES. Comp. CHARLES was a genial and able writer, and we greatly regret his loss; but we are satisfied his mantle has fallen upon worthy and competent shoulders. Comp. MORDHURST reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, including those of California for 1889. He gives us a first rate notice.

He says: "The Report on Correspondence by Companion THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL is injected into the bowels of the proceedings." This old chestnut has become stale, but we will not reproach him nor even ring the bell on him this time, but will simply remark that injections are good for the bowels and promote healthful secretions. He hopes to continue the fight until DRUMMOND, OSGOODBY and ourself are convinced of the error ot our ways and cease to inject. Save your time and labor, Comp. MORDHURST. We are a trio of hard customers to move; we will continue our injections, and you will find enough to do to look out for your appendices.

At the conclusion of his report, Companion MORDHURST presents a well prepared statistical table which will be found valuable for reference.

As all is fish that comes to our net, we appropriate it without so much as "by your leave," Comp. MORDHURST.

CRYPTIC STATISTICS FOR 1888—COMPILED BY HENRY W. MORDHURST.

Grand Councils.	Annual Assemblies. Held at	When Held.	Exhibit of Work and Change of Membership. Created.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Dimitted.	Died.	Membership, 1888.	Financial. Receipts.	Disbursements.	Cash and Assets	Subordinates. Chartered.	Suspended.	Enrolled.	Represented.	Making Returns.	Grand Councils
Arkansas	Little Rock	Nov. 29	21	....		1	10	1	8	318	$201 25	$136 75	$64 50	3	.	15	13	13	Arkansas.
California	San Francisco	April 16	51	2	1	..	5	6	16	901	486 00	653 10	208 05	.	.	9	8	9	California.
†Canada	Toronto	July 17	...	....	..	..	....	....	....	350	.....	.....	.. ....	.	.	12	10	12	Canada.
Connecticut	Hartford.	May 7	125	2		5	142	2	21	2,195	317 20	286 75	29 72	1		21	18	20	Connecticut.
‡England	London	Feb, 2.	51	...	..	..	...	....	.	395	250 00	230 00	120 00	2		14	6	7	England.
Florida	None held.	.....		....	..	..	.	5	5	51	....	.....	..			3	...	3	Florida.
Georgia	Atlanta	April 25	39	...	2	.	.	7	2	284	120 00	127 00	.....			10	10	10	Georgia.
Illinois	Chicago	Oct 24	160	36	..	..	30	24	9	1,437	428 75	729 48	248 78	4	1	44	39	29	Illinois.
Indiana	Indianapolis	Oct. 16.	202	3	9	2	33	58	17	1,861	1,140 01	1,033 77	880 08			40	37	40	Indiana.
Kansas	Junction City	Feb. 14.	13	1		..	5	15	2	320	81 75	68 35	343 80			9	9	9	Kansas.
Kentucky	Louisville	Oct. 15	77	12	15	1	27	15	12	657	171 25	220 40	75	3	1	22	14	18	Kentucky.
Louisiana	New Orleans	Feb. 16	.	1	..	..	....	..	4	150	.....	.....	....	1		4	3	3	Louisiana.
Maine	Portland	May 2.	54	.	1	.	31	10	20	1,025	178 40	147 43	242 25	.		12	11	12	Maine.
Maryland	Baltimore	Nov. 14.	39	2	.	1	.. ..	..	3	293	.....	.. ....		..		5	3	3	Maryland.
Massachusetts	Boston	Dec. 12	268	12	.	.	3	53	50	3,178	1,479 43	1,267 28	1,814 03	..		22	18	22	Massachusetts.
Michigan	Grand Rapids	Jan. 16.	172	9	7	1	24	17	19	2,270	601 75	504 50	658 42			44	42	42	Michigan.
Minnesota	St. Paul.	Oct. 8.	69	3			14	5	1	514	428 40	208 59	224 81	.		6	6	6	Minnesota.
†Mississippi	. ...	... ..	...	...	..	..	....	....	....	...	...	.....	.....	.		....	...	...	Mississippi.
Missouri	St. Louis	May 9.	13	....	2	.	20	2	4	297	169 50	286 50	341 49	..		8	5	6	Missouri.
†*Nebraska	Beatrice	Dec. 11	.	..	..	..	..	....	....	250	106 00	92 20	13 80	1	..	9	7	7	Nebraska.
New Hampshire	Concord	May 14	73	4	..	..	7	11	23	990	278 25	269 32	379 45			10	10	10	New Hampshire.
*New Jersey	Trenton	Jan 24	38	.	1	..	22	13	..	370	92 50	84 85	94 68		..	7	5	6	New Jersey.
New York	New York	Sept. 4.	98	...	3	.	67	18	33	2,686	1,138 00	1,122 50	170 62		.	25	21	21	New York.
†North Carolina	....	.. ....	.	....	..	..	....	....	....	...	.....	.....	.....			....	..	...	North Carolina.
Ohio	Springfield	Oct. 2.	266	10	24	..	64	56	44	3,002	1,619 70	1,663 39	666 35	3	.	48	40	47	Ohio.
Oregon	McMinnville	Feb. 1	15	1	.	.	....	....	1	126	51 60	78 93	21 55	.	.	3	3	3	Oregon.
Pennsylvania	Erie	Feb. 15.	91	6	2	..	42	24	27	1,436	560 00	628 04	1,618 49	1	5	21	8	19	Pennsylvania.
*Rhode Island	Providence	April 6	63	1	.	1	....	1	14	921	136 60	74 47	161 52			5	5	5	Rhode Island.
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*1889. †Reorganized in 1887-88; statistics not available. ‡Incomplete.

There are forty-two subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 1,881.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* OLIVER B. SARGENT was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM H. SMYTHE was elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

This Grand Council convened in Annual Assembly in the city of Wichita, on the eighteenth day of February, 1889,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* JAMES SNEDDEN, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* JOHN H. BROWN being Grand Recorder.

Nine subordinate Councils were represented. In his Address, the Grand Master says:—

"It is great pleasure and satisfaction to say that the Cryptic Rite in our Grand Jurisdiction, has made marked progress during the past year, and that the outlook is brighter than ever in the history of our Grand Council. I believe the Companions throughout the State begin to realize the importance of our beautiful Rite, and that it will yet be what it ought to be: 'The Crown of Masonry.' No Companion who ever received the degrees properly conferred, but has been impressed with their beauty and importance, and if we press forward, we will yet see the Royal and Select Master conferred on every Royal Arch Mason who desires light and knowledge.

"The duties of the Grand Master have not been arduous. I have not been called upon to make any decisions on law, or Ritual; which reflects credit on the officers of our subordinate Councils.

One Council has been added to our working list during the past year: *Wichita*, U. D."

There is nothing in the report of the Grand Master's official acts that calls for comment or criticism.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $458.15.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported a most distressing condition of harmony throughout the jurisdiction, making their office a perfect sinecure. A Charter was granted to *Wichita* Council, U. D., although their proceedings were not entirely regular. The Committees on Jurisprudence and Correspondence reported that they had no report, which report was accepted and the committees continued, with the hope of "further discoveries" in due time.

The returns from eight subordinate Councils show a membership of several, if not more. We will see Comp. BROWN further into the middle of—Kansas than a grasshopper could hop in a month before we will foot up his columns.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* DAVID D. HOAG was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* JOHN H. BROWN was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Louisville, on the twenty-first day of October, 1889,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* HUGH PORTER MCILVAIN, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* LORENZO DOW CRONINGER being Grand Recorder.

Ten subordinate Councils were represented. The Address of the Grand Master is an exceptionally good one, and he appeals strongly to his Companions to awaken from the lethargy into which they have fallen, and once more follow the Cryptic banner to victory. He says:--

"We meet for a specific purpose. To look over the past and prepare for the future; to counsel together and devise means for the accomplishment of greater things in the time to come. Can we do this! At least let it be our aim.

"The very life of the Cryptic Rite may depend upon our present meeting. Too many Sentinels are sleeping on their posts. We must rescue our Order from the dangers that hang over it. Apathy and indifference mainly have lost to us a large number of Councils which were once flourishing, and in which we felt a just pride. Implements and working tools are laid away, to be called for at a more convenient season. Visit as I have done during the past year, places where Councils once flourished, and see the working tools of the Councils laid aside, inquire the cause, and the answer generally comes, we have become negligent, and that 'merger' business seriously hurt us, &c., but we intend to re-organize and go to work soon. We have our Charters yet, and can start at any time. I have endeavored to be faithful to all the dormant Councils I came in contact with, and to remind them when I thought proper, that their Charters were declared forfeited as far back as 1885, and to show them the best manner to again reinstate themselves.

"I had strong faith and some assurances that some of them would take steps to resume work again in time to be present at this Assembly, but so far, they are dormant still. The labors of the Grand Master would be far more pleasant, if the letters he writes to the various Companions, looking to the interest of the work, were promptly answered. But it frequently occurs that no more attention is paid to the warmest appeals than if addressed to the wildest Hottentot on the globe. Under these circumstances, we have had to turn away in sadness and leave them to their own inclinations."

He expected to have formed two new Councils during his term of office, but having been prostrated with malarial fever he was unable to give the matter his personal attention, and the new Councils are still in abeyance. He says he is convinced that more good can be accomplished by visiting these dormant Councils, than by all the letters that could possibly be written, and hopes his successor will make a note of this and give it a trial. His words are words of wisdom and true as gospel. One personal visit is worth a cord of letters, and is often successful where written appeals receive no attention whatever.

We note the following decisions:—

"1st. Can members of dormant Councils become members of new Councils, without obtaining dimits from Grand Recorder. Answer, No. The law governing, requires that a dimit must be obtained.

"2d. Are Chapter-made Council members required to obtain dimits from the Grand Recorder before they can become members of a new Council? Answer, Yes,"

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the first decision, but with reference to the second they say, and we concur:—

"As to the second decision, your committee is of the opinion that the

Grand Recorder should issue dimits, when the records showing that the Companion has received the degrees are in his possession, but where such record is in possession of the Subordinate Council to which he applies for membership, no dimit is necessary; and should his application be made to any other Council, the dimit should be issued by the officer of the body having lawful possession of such record of membership.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Grand Master makes several suggestions well calculated to promote the welfare of the Cryptic Craft. He says:—

"Such is my love for the Council degrees, that I am in favor of making the greatest efforts to save them from being lost to the generations that are to come after us, and of which there is great danger.

"I am not discourged at the outlook. Although the clouds are dark, I trust that the future will bring us the reward we desire, and our Cryptic Rite be established on a better basis than ever before. Conscious of my own inabilities, I have worked as I was able, and always expect to be with those who work for the good we seek to accomplish, until death comes."

If more of the Craft were imbued with the same degree of zeal and enthusiasm exhibited by *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion McIlvain, the Cryptic Rite would soon attain its pristine prosperity and prestige. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $33.15.

An excellent Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. James W. Staton, who has now been raised to the dignity of *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master. He gives California a courteous and fraternal notice, and we return our thanks for personal complimentary notice. In his "Conclusion" he says:—

"On the whole we think the tendency of the Rite is upward, and with proper management and skillful energy the Cryptic Rite may take the place it is justly entitled to take. The bitterness growing out of the 'Merger' question, and the organization of the General Grand Council, which was disposed to set its coulter pretty deep on the status of Chapter-made Cryptic Masons, caused no little suspicion and bitterness on the part of the 'Mergers' who were honest in the work they had done, and conscientiously believed, and still believe, that they had the right to do what they did do, and were not disposed to yield to the iron clad notions of those who 'have a zeal, but not according to knowledge.' We believe these troubles are at an end now, and there is no reason why we shall not all go forward together, and strive to do all the good for the Rite that we can. For one, this writer, who has been honored as the head of the Rite in Kentucky, intends to do all he can to further the interests of the Rite in his jurisdiction.

There are twenty-two subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 578. *R.·. I.·.* Comp. Lorenzo Dow Croninger is still Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

The proceedings of this Grand Council for six years—from 1885 to and including 1890, are before us. The earlier proceedings contain nothing of interest.

The thirty-fifth Annual Assembly was held in the city of New Orleans, on the thirteenth day of February, 1890,--the *M.·. Ill.·.* HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* RICHARD LAMBERT being Grand Recorder.

Three subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief and principally treats of local matters. He presented a petition from *Magnolia* Council, asking permission to resume work and recommended that the prayer be granted, which recommendation was adopted and the Charter of said Council re-issued.

In conclusion, he says:--

"We ought seriously to consider, I think, whether we intend to publish our proceedings from year to year. The present income is sufficient only to cover expenses apart from such publication. Can it be increased so as to allow such additional appropriation? If it cannot I recommend that we have recourse to bulletins.

"I believe, Illustrious Companions, that a large work invites our energies in the revival of extinct Councils and the constitution of new ones. With the revival of Capitular Masonry the Cryptic must again flourish. In this connection I urge upon you the necessity of using your influence when the time comes to select a Grand Lecturer for the Grand Lodge to procure the appointment of one who understands the principles of the York Rite, for such an one cannot but be an ardent advocate of our branch of it. Such an one must inculcate a zeal for perfection in Masonry, and this perfection no one can have who has not penetrated the ninth arch.

"My Illustrious Companions, let us bring ourselves thoroughly to believe in the essential importance to the complete understanding of the traditions of the York Rite of the Royal and Select Degrees; let us use our influence to procure the election to office in the Constituent Councils of only those who do so appreciate the Masonic teachings; let us give over the making excuses for short-comings and apologies for neglect of duties, and let us go to work to redeem and build up the Rite. I feel confident that by so doing our arches will soon be full and our numbers complete.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $52.23. The Grand Council, albeit its funds are low, is out of debt, and brighter prospects are before it. A worthy Companion, who should be commended for his liberality, agreed to print the proceedings of this Annual Assembly gratis. The thanks of the Grand Council were voted him and his offer accepted. The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

MAINE.

This Grand Council held its thirty-fifth Annual Assembly in the city of Portland, on the eighth day of May, 1889,—the *M.·. Ill.·.* ALBERT M. PENLEY, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* STEPHEN BERRY acting as Grand Recorder.

Eight subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is a well prepared resumé of his official acts, and gives evidence of duties well performed. He reports the death of Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master OLIVER GERRISH, who departed this life on the third day of December, 1888, at the advanced age of ninety-

two years and eleven months. Also the death of Comp. CHRISTOPHER C. HAYES, a prominent member of the Grand Council; "a very zealous Mason, a good citizen, and a kind and obliging neighbor."

In speaking of the condition of the Rite, he says:—

"It gives me great pleasure to report to you the advancement made by the Rite in this jurisdiction since our last Annual Assembly. Ten of the subordinate Councils have done work, and some of them a large amount. Some that have lain dormant for several years have had new life infused into them, and seem to have entered upon an era of prosperity. More candidates have been greeted in the secret vault than in any one year for the past ten. It was my intention at the beginning of the year to visit every Council; and I have succeeded in visiting nine out of the twelve, and witnessing work in each Council. One of the three that I did not visit had work, the other two did not."

He further says:—

"The office of Grand Master for the past year has been a very pleasant one, for there has been no wrangling or disagreement of any kind among the Companions. I have not been called upon to make a decision or to give any advice, which I attribute to a better understanding of our laws and regulations by the officers of our subordinate Councils."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance to new account of $203.97.

The Report on Correspondence was prepared by Comp. DRUMMOND, as usual, and as usual it is a report worthy of its distinguished author, and of preservation for future reference. He reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, California for 1889, being of the number. Of our report he says:—

"The Report on Correspondence (34 pp.) was presented by Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL. He is apparently not satisfied, though he supposes he ought to be, with our review of California last year. Well, we started in for a *brief* report, and passed California before we changed our mind! But we submit that what we *did* say was *multum in parvo*, and what *could* be said of only a very few other jurisdictions; indeed, we doubt if it could have been truly said of any other jurisdiction."

The point is well taken, Comp. DRUMMOND, and we are "puffectly" satisfied.

With reference to placing the Reports on Correspondence in the body of the proceedings, he says:—

"We 'have tried both'; the proceedings *in these days* are not mere almanacs to be thrown aside when new ones are published, but they are preserved and bound for future use, and that is a sufficient reason for the course which we have adopted. Under our system these reports are indexed so that their contents may be readily referred to, while under the appendix system, these reports are practically useless *for purposes of reference*.

Concerning our remarks upon the Illinois unpleasantness, he says:—

"We trust that the General Grand Council will go as far as principle will allow to meet the case of Illinois. We would not recognize Chapter-made R. and S. Masters as regular; but when they have been admitted to and made members of a regular Council, we think that the question of the regularity of their making may well be regarded as foreclosed."

We think our worthy Companions of Illinois, or the discontented ones of any other jurisdiction, can find no fault with the action taken by the Grand Council at its last Annual Assembly, and we trust, now that the bone of contention is removed, harmony will be restored, and that all will work solidly together to promote the welfare of the Cryptic Rite.

Under the head of Kentucky, Comp. DRUMMOND "goes for" *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master GRANT with exceedingly warm applications. He says, referring to Comp. GRANT'S Address:—

"He opens fire by referring to the circular from the Grand Council of Illinois. Referring to the General Grand Council, he says:

"'And the convention that formed it, I believe, as you will see from the circular, *resolved* that any Select Master who should directly or indirectly be present, or assist in conferring the degrees outside of a Council warranted by the Grand Council, shall be guilty of unmasonic conduct, and liable to expulsion, meaning, as the General Grand Master interpreted it, that our companions made under authority of this Grand Council in councils 'appurtenant to chapters,' were clandestine. *We who countenanced it are liable to expulsion should we ever come within the influence or power of the young body of the rite, yclept 'General Grand Council,'* etc., etc., notwithstanding we declared them non-affiliates (their Councils being extinct), and entitled to recognition as such.'"

"The italics are his own, and much as it may be doubted that we have quoted him correctly, we certainly have done so! We examined the quotation carefully to see if some mark of punctuation affecting its *meaning* (not *sense*, for 'sense' cannot be predicated of it) had not been omitted, but that hope failed us. All we have to say is, that the Grand Master must have been hard pressed to find 'bears' with which to frighten his companions from going into the General Grand Council, or he would not have used such intolerable bosh as we have quoted.

"However, his 'bear' frightened him so much, that he replied to the Illinois circular in a perfect panic of terror and excitement, so great that he would not properly be held responsible for his utterances, had he not published them nearly a year later. And we hesitate, somewhat, to hold him responsible even after so long a time, for he evidently was laboring under 'the same old scare' all the while!

"Because the General Grand Council declared that it would not recognize as Royal and Select Masters those not made in regularly warranted Councils, he declares that that body 'invaded the territory of our state Grand Council, and undertakes to dictate as to who shall be authorized by Grand Councils to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Masters within their own jurisdictions!' The author of 'She' is credited with the liveliest imagination of the age, but he will have to look to his laurels, or get hold of that 'bear'!

"He denounces the General Grand Council for a cause, that requires him to denounce Grand Chapters for refusing to recognize *now* as Royal Arch Masons, persons exalted in a Chapter appurtenant to a lodge under a lodge warrant!

"Forgetting that the fundamental law of the rite makes *five* R. and S. Masters a lawful Council, and that the rule requiring *nine* to do business or work is a modern *statute*, and in force only when adopted expressly or by implication, (as *seven* has been substituted for three in the Master's lodge,) he arraigns the General Grand Council and a former General Grand Master for issuing a dispensation for *five* R. and S. Masters to open a Council and confer the degrees!

"He does not seem to comprehend that the requiring of more than the

minimum number in order to form a *permanent* body is not inconsistent with allowing, by special authority, such minimum number to open a temporary Council and do work!

"He, apparently, does not print the whole of his circular. It was HOLMES, we think, that dared not be as funny as he could be, and whether this was the cause of apparently omitting a part of the circular or not, we commend the prudence of the course.

"For he sent a copy to our genial and usually level-headed Comp. JAMES W. STATON, and the effect was to throw him 'off his base'; he replied, saying, among other things, 'The fact is that that body (the General Grand Council), has set out to bully the Grand Councils and to force all of them to unite with it.' Then he proceeds to *threaten* what he will do in a certain contingency, and closes the part of his letter printed (for a part of that is apparently omitted), 'We must fight 'em to the bitter end.'

"Of course, when such a man as Comp. STATON is frightened out of his propriety, it cannot be expected that *any* would retain their presence of mind; and the result was that Grand Master GRANT carried his plan of defeating the proposed union by a unanimous vote!

"Of course, the Grand Master adduced other arguments, one of which is that if the Chapter-made R. and S. Masters are not regular, their O. B.'s are not binding on them. What bearing this has upon the question of the *legality* of their making we cannot conceive.

"He is finally driven to the position that a *warrant* is not necessary for the regular holding of a subordinate body of the Cryptic Rite. He is the only one who has openly taken that position. Our review of Illinois will show the position there taken. Since 1717, it has been fundamental law that a Masonic subordinate body cannot exist without a warrant. CROSS taught that in the North, and BARKER in the South; the evidence of that fact hung in the hall in which Comp. GRANT delivered his address.

"He undertakes to give some history, but falls into several errors, none of which it is important to notice except the statement that 'Maryland Grand Chapter had control of the degrees in 1817.' This is an error; the evidence is that the Royal degree was known only by reputation in Maryland till 1819. In 1817, the Grand Chapter gave permission to Chapters to confer the Select degree *as a side degree*. In 1824, the Grand Chapter of Maryland formally adopted the Select degree, by consent of PHILIP P. ECKEL; and it was not till 1852 that the Royal degree was conferred in the Chapter. In 1824, when ECKEL transferred to the Grand Chapter *what authority he had* over the Select degree, there had been formed *seven* Grand Councils exercising jurisdiction over both degrees.

"There are other matters in his Address, that we hold to be so far beneath the dignity of a Grand Master to state in an address, that we pass them unnoticed.

"The solid fact is that our Kentucky Companions made a great blunder, and, while substantially admitting that, they find the consequences of admitting their error to be so great that they feel forced to find some way out other than by retracing their steps. They have taken action which amounts to 'healing by resolution'; those who admit the validity of that will acquiesce; and we presume that the general course will be to furnish another precedent for healing in that manner, rather than adopt the alternative of holding their Grand Council to be irregular.

"There is a further comic aspect to this matter; there has been no ruling or intimation that the R. and S. Masters of Illinois and Kentucky came within the prohibition of the General Grand Council! Moreover, if

the statements of the Illinois Companions are accepted as true, that law does not apply to Illinois at all!

"However, the Grand Council of Kentucky did not undertake to assert the regularity of the Illinois work; it simply said we recognize the Grand Council of Illinois, and as that body says that the members of her Councils are regularly made that 'is enough for us to know.'

"The Report on Correspondence (32 pp.), was presented by Comp. JAMES W. STATON. We can only notice one matter. In our 1887 report, by writing 'Chapter' for 'Council' we made a serious error; we did not intend to make any claim that in the earlier days of any Grand *Chapter* less than nine made any quorum in a Chapter. We intended to speak of the Grand *Council*. Is Comp. STATON sure that at the organization of his Grand Council in 1827, the law was adopted requiring nine to open a Council and work? CROSS did not so teach nor practice, and BARKER, who is said to have chartered the six Councils which organized the Grand Council of Kentucky, was the disciple of CROSS, and learned the Rite from him."

There is much in this valuable report that we would gladly quote and comment upon, but we have been admonished to be brief, and must bid goodbye to Comp. DRUMMOND until next year. The twelve Councils in this jurisdiction have a total membership of 1,058.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

MICHIGAN.

The thirty-first Annual Assembly was held in the city of Grand Rapids, on the fourteenth day of January, 1889,—the *M.·. I.·.* ALLEN MCKEE, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* GARRA B. NOBLE, P. M. I. G. M. being Grand Recorder.

Forty-three subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is almost entirely confined to a recital of his official acts, which appear to have been performed in a manner best calculated to promote the welfare of the craft. He says:—

"From reports received from the subordinate Councils, it appears that Cryptic Masonry has thrived as well as could reasonably be expected, but not to the extent that may be wished. That interest is not taken in this branch of Masonry that it merits, and in my opinion there never will be until the degrees of Royal and Select Masters are made pre-requisite to advancement to the so-called higher degrees, which I trust in the near future to see accomplished."

He granted one dispensation to form a new Council. Upon an inquiry as to the course to be pursued upon a petition for membership of a Companion who had received the degrees in a Chapter in Iowa, he decided that the petitioner must be formally healed, previous to his admission to membership. The decision was approved.

The Grand Recorder presented a good Report on Correspondence in which California is fraternally noticed.

The thirty-second Annual Assembly was held in the same city, on the twentieth day of January, 1890,—the *M.·. I.·.* THOMAS G. GREEN, Grand Master, presiding.

Forty-four subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in a well prepared and interesting Address, says:—

"While the Great Reaper has been busy in other Grand Jurisdictions, the ranks of this Grand Council, as reported at our last Annual Assembly, have remained unbroken.

"While other portions of our country have been visited by terrible calamities, carrying death and desolation to thousands of homes, our own beautiful Peninsula has comparatively escaped the ravages of fire, and flood, and tempest.

"Earth has yielded abundantly of her products.

"The hum of busy industry has resounded from lumber camps and mines, from mills and factories, and from the marts of trade and commerce. Labor has found ready employment and been fairly remunerated. Peace, happiness and plenty have prevailed throughout our commonwealth."

In calling attention to the apathy existing in certain Councils, he says:—

"Several causes have doubtless contributed to the deplorable results manifested in many of our Councils. One cause of discouragement may be found in the multiplication of so-called secret societies, which have lately sprung up like mushrooms in an autumn morning, having apparently sufficient merit to attract many worthy men who have not yet learned that

"All is not gold that glitters."

And some of our Companions, noting the large numbers who are following after these will-o'-the-wisps, and the comparatively small number who are seeking admission to our Councils, and forgetting that the strength of Masonry consists not in the number, but in the character of its adherents, have become disheartened, laid down their tools and abandoned the S. V.

"Time and patience in well directed efforts to make our Council meetings more attractive, and the ceremonies more interesting and instructive, will be required to correct the evil."

The Address is replete with good counsel and practical suggestions, calculated to awaken the dormant energies and slumbering zeal of the Companions and spur them on in the path of duty. His official acts are clearly stated and received the approval of the Grand Council. He granted one dispensation for the formation of a new Council. He congratulated the Grand Council of Mississippi upon her return to the sisterhood and extended a cordial welcome to her. No legislation of general interest was had.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $614.01. The Grand Recorder, GARRA B. NOBLE, again submits a well prepared Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils, and also those of the General Grand Council. California for 1889, receives kindly and fraternal notice. He says the "stings of conscience" do not trouble him to any appreciable extent, as he mailed us three copies of the proceedings of the Grand Council of Michigan for 1889, in April. We have no doubt our esteemed Companion is correct, but we did not get them in time for our report. We suppose that blundering old

uncle of ours who runs the mails is at fault. Under the head of Kentucky, in reviewing Comp. STATON'S report, he says:--

"'He is sorry to see that we hold to the ironclad rule of requiring the healing process on Chapter-made Royal and Select Masters, and asks if a Chapter-made Royal and Select Master from Kentucky, bearing the dimit of their Grand Recorder, should apply, would we refuse him admittance without healing?' and asks us to answer. We think not. The Grand Council of Michigan has always held that a Companion having a regular and legal dimit from a Grand Council is entitled to all the rights and benefits pertaining to the Cryptic Rite, and the General Grand Council, at its last Assembly, passed a law allowing each jurisdiction to regulate the status of its own membership."

In conclusion, he says:--

"We are pleased to find the Cryptic Rite in a prosperous condition. From the statistics we have been able to obtain, in all save a few jurisdictions, there has been a steady growth.

"The twenty Grand Councils under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council report 18,501 members, a gain of 1,263 the past year. [Taken from the report of the General Grand Recorder.] Five of the ten Independent Grand Councils report 7,687 members, a gain of 941 the past year.

"The questions heretofore in controversy, *i. e.*, the healing process and status of Chapter-made Royal and Select Masters, we believe are very satisfactorily settled. All the Grand Councils that tried the *Chapter method* have re-organized, except Iowa, and we have intimation that she contemplates re-organization. We hope it may prove true."

And so do we.

There are forty-five subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 2,614, against 2,409, for 1889, being a net gain during the year of 205. An excellent showing.

The *M.·. I.·.* TRAVERSE PHILLIPS was elected Grand Master, and the NOBLE Grand Recorder was re-elected.

MINNESOTA.

The twentieth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of St. Paul, on the twenty-third day of September, 1889, the *M.·. I.·.* A. Z. LEVERING, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM CHENEY being Grand Recorder,

Five subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is wholly confined to matters of local interest. We are pleased, however, to learn the prosperous condition of the Rite, as evidenced by the following:—

"It is indeed gratifying to be able to report that the general interest in our Cryptic Rite mentioned in my last address has continued. The Council degrees are now being recognized as a very important and necessary part of a complete Masonic education. Many, who in years gone by, thought there was nothing in the Council, are now knocking at our doors. Our Rite is being talked about among the Masonic fraternity; our younger Masons are being informed that there is such a thing as a Council. The subject is being discussed in places where no Councils now exist. During

the past year I have visited a number of such places and have found the leading members of the craft so favorably disposed that at no distant day I feel assured a number of applications will be made for dispensations. The older Councils are supplying themselves with all the necessary regalia and paraphernalia for the successful work of the degrees. This is particularly noticeable in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth. The degree of S. E. M. is still being conferred, and is now successfully established as one of the Council degrees in all the Councils in this jurisdiction.

"To the union and harmony which prevails among the craftsmen of our Mystic Vault is due in a large measure the prosperity which now attends us. The Recorder's report shows that sixty have passed the circle since our last Grand Assembly; one has been elected to membership; one healed. Total number, 62. The net gain in 1888 was 44. The net gain this year is 55. Let the good work go on, Companions! The record is a pleasant one to contemplate."

It is indeed a pleasant record to contemplate, and we congratulate our Companions of Minnesota upon their prosperity, and hope it may long continue.

Under the head of "Recommendations," he says:—

"I have no recommendations to make to you this year. It is an old and true adage that it is always well to let 'well enough alone." I still believe, however, that pre-requisition is one thing we sorely need. If the Council degrees are made pre-requisite to the Knightly orders, no adverse turn of Fortune's Wheel can do aught to make our shadow grow less. A large number of our best and brightest Masons become Knights Templar. That sort of material is just what we need in our Secret Vault. The pushing, active, stirring workmen are the kind we need to raise the spire of our glorious Temple upward to the stars. And why, Companions, should not our degrees be pre-requisite? A house is not complete without its roof, neither is a mountain climbed till the summit is reached. I hear our illustrious companions in California cry 'chestnuts.' It may be an *old, old* story, *but* right is on our side and we are sure to win in the end. Until victory comes we will do our part towards keeping the subject alive."

We did, indeed, cry "chestnuts" to this proposition last year, and we see no reason for changing the cry at this time. The project has been so often and so earnestly tried, and always with the same unsuccessful result, that we have come to the conclusion that it is hopeless to try farther in that direction. Personally we are in favor of the proposition, as it would bind in one harmonious chain all the departments of American Masonry. The opposition to it, however, is so deeply rooted in the Templar bodies that we believe it a waste of time and energy to press the matter further.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $241.56. The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to whom was referred the resolution offered at the last Assembly, amending Article 1, Section 3, of the Constitution by adding thereto the words, 'And the past three first Grand Officers of other Grand Councils,' respectfully report that we have given the matter careful consideration and recommend that the resolution be not adopted. The effect of the above amendment would be to give to Illustrious Companions from other jurisdictions a voice and a vote in the

affairs of this Grand Council, and while we would certainly feel disposed to confer such an honorary degree upon Grand Masters of other Grand Councils acting in harmony with our own, such as is done by the Grand Council of England and Wales, yet we can foresee possible complications that may arise by admitting as a member of this Grand Council the Grand or Past Grand Master of a Grand Council that does not recognize the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council."

A wise conclusion.

The special committee to whom was referred portions of the Grand Master's Address reported as follows, and their report was concurred in:—

"Your committee to whom was referred those portions of the Grand Master's Address not otherwise referred, respectfully and fraternally report as follows: We congratulate the members of this body and our Grand Master upon the success of the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction. And we feel that to our Grand Master is due great praise for the work done in this Rite, for his earnest endeavor to maintain our standard of excellence and for the uniform courtesy and assistance extended by him to the members of the Rite in this State. We approve the remarks of the Grand Master in regard to the pre-requisite question and recommend that the Grand Master to be elected at this Assembly be requested to cause the matter to be brought before the next Grand Encampment of K. T. in such manner as he may deem best."

The Special Committee on "Deceased Campanions" make appropriate mention of the death of Companions GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, of California; ALBERT P. CHARLES, of Indiana, and REV. CANON PORTAL, of England and Wales.

Comp. R. H. BAKER again submits a first rate Report on Correspondence, ably reviewing the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils, and generously according California for 1889, four pages of his space. He says:—

"Ten Grand, nine Past Grand officers and the Representatives of eight subordinate Councils were present. There is no mention made of the attendance of any of the Grand Representatives. We do find, however, a memorial page dedicated to the memory of *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, Grand Representative of Minnesota, who died December 17th, 1888, leaving a splendid record of his Masonic labor. The Grand Master in his Address states that 'he was one of the oldest and most faithful craftsmen * * * an enthusiast in Masonry. Let us hope that his work has met the approval of the Master Overseer.'

'He was faithful to every trust,
Kind, humane, and charitable to all.'

"The Grand Master reports seven visitations, at most of which the degrees were conferred on appreciative Companions. We are glad to see the S. E. M. degree is now being universally conferred in this jurisdiction, and that the Companions appreciate it. The 'knife and fork' addenda also appears to be a success and the work uniform, although no ritual is used."

The ritual of the "knife and fork" is one in which all are letter perfect.

Referring to making the Council degrees a pre-requisite to the Templar Orders, he says:—

"We still think there is some meat in that 'chestnut,' and we'll keep boring for it."

Bore away, Comp. BAKER, but the meat you will find in that old nut will be in the last stages of mouldiness.

He rings the chestnut bell on us, after quoting our roasted baby story in illustration of the situation in Illinois. We acknowledge that the story has an ancient and fish-like odor, but it served to point a moral, and in doing that, we do not scruple to use any material that may come to hand.

Under the head of "Illinois," he says:—

"He decided that a Council could not gratuitously confer the degrees on a Companion, who had, when taking his Chapter degrees, paid an extra fee for the R. and S. M. degrees, which were then conferred in an appurtenant Chapter Council, that a Council could not be opened for the transaction of business with less than nine Companions; that it was not necessary that a Companion petitioning for degrees should state the number or name of his Lodge and Chapter, the only qualifications required being "a Royal Arch Mason in good standing.

"With the first two we can agree. With the last, although there is no law bearing on the subject, we should disagree.' It has been one of the great evils of the past that Masonic records were carelessly and imperfectly kept, and our Grand and subordinate Recorders have been importuned to better them, and for that reason when a Companion petitions for degrees he should be required to state his Masonic record, not only that his committee could satisfy themselves that he is in 'good standing,' but that the Recorder could have the proper data for his records. But then the Grand Master may have viewed this matter in the same light, and relegated it to the subordinate Council to act at its pleasure. *There* is the place to remedy it."

We concur.

In his view of Massachusetts he quotes the following from the Grand Master's Address:—

"The constitution requires than an applicant for degrees 'shall apply to the Council nearest to his residence.'

"I have reason to believe that this requirement prevents many Companions from taking the Council degrees. The routes of travel often render a place more convenient of access than another which is much nearer. Besides, Companions wish to apply to a Council where they will meet their intimate friends, although they may have to go a greater distance. 'A few years ago, several Companions in Newburyport desired to apply to Salem Council, but they were refused permission by the Council nearest Newburyport, consequently those Companions have not taken the degrees. Such cases are found throughout the State.

"I believe that the best interest of all concerned requires that every Companion have a right to apply to whatever Council his preference dictates."

To which Comp. BAKER responds:—

"From his statement of the case in question, it probably might work a detriment to the Companions, but we believe that any alteration of that rule would eventually give rise to more hard feelings, and complications, that would more than counterbalance any temporary benefits from it. One of the first questions that arise before a dispensation is granted, is

'what amount of material is there to support a body?' Is it just or right, after dispensation has been given, that the material with which the body was to have been built, should be absorbed by another body, probably a larger and more prosperous one? No, indeed. The result is that the Companions that started in with zeal and a hearty good will to push forward the good work become discouraged, general apathy soon prevails and—another dead body!"

We are perfectly in accord with Comp. BAKER on this question.

In conclusion, he says:—

"The issues that have arisen since our last report, and the arguments pertaining thereto, have necessitated a longer report than was at first contemplated; but feeling that a report is primarily intended for the diffusion of information we feel justified in its length.

"We have endeavored to cull from the proceedings reviewed, the views of those who were active in the work, the criticisms of those who by their zeal and industry, not only have raised our beloved Rite to the eminence it so justly deserves, but whose mature judgments are worthy of, and entitles them to more than mere passing consideration.

"We are not much given to moralizing, but we feel that *now* is the critical time in the *general* welfare of our Rite. The questions that have arisen are principally those of methods, and the discussions (somewhat heated at times) show conclusively that those who have been engaged therein, have the courage of their convictions, and not afraid to express them. We certainly have been enlightened, and a common ground has *almost* been reached; why not all, irrespective of old time prejudices and personal piques, meet and conscientiously perform that which is best for all?

"We believe that many of our correspondents have misconstrued the Constitution of the G. G. C. in its construction of the rights and standing of (so called) Chapter-made Council Masons.

"Section 14, Article 1, reads as follows:

"'Every Council of R. and S. M. *must* have a Charter or Dispensation from the G. G. C., *or from some Grand Council working independently of any other branch of Masonry*, and no Council shall be deemed legal without such Dispensation or Charter.'

"If this means anything at all, it means that any Council in the U. S., working under a Charter or Dispensation from a Grand Council is perfectly legal, and as to whether its parent body, at any time in the past, permitted the degrees to be conferred in a Chapter room or by Chapter officers, the G. G. C. has nothing to do with. The Constitution deals only with the present, not with the past, and while the G. G. C. or any G. C. would be perfectly justified in refusing to recognize the R. and S. M., owing affiliation to a Chapter Council (so called), we do not believe it ever was intended to repudiate the work sanctioned or approved by any 'Grand Council working independent of any other branch of Masonry.'

"The matter of 'healing' has been discussed in its various phases and although we believe it a bad precedent to establish, yet the exigencies are such that the plan of healing 'by resolution' presents less difficulties than any other.

"Other matters, such as the duties of Grand Representatives, the merits and demerits of life membership have been discussed, rituals have been revised, and issued to the craft. All this indicates a thorough awakening, and a renewed interest in our beloved Rite throughout the country; the reasons therefor we will not attempt to ascribe, save that where there has been zeal and an honest endeavor to advance the interest of the Rite, it has been accomplished; where there has been no progress, apathy has not been confined to the Councils alone.

There are six subordinate Councils, having a total membership of 566. *M.·. I.·.* R. H. BAKER was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* W. A. SPAULDING was elected Grand Recorder. Address, Minneapolis.

MISSISSIPPI.

This Grand Council was formally reorganized on the thirteenth day of February, 1889.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter having released control of the Cryptic degrees, the Grand Council were notified to assemble at Meridian on the date above mentioned. Five subordinate Councils were represented. *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM G. PAXTON, Grand Master, presided, *R.·. I.·.* J. L. POWER being Grand Recorder. Six Companions were healed, after which the following resolutions were adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Council hereby accepts from the Grand Chapter jurisdiction of the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, transferred to the Grand Chapter in 1877.

"2. All Companions who received the Cryptic Degrees in Chapter, are hereby declared to be non-affiliates in good standing, and may apply for membership to any Council in the State, and if elected shall pay the sum of $1 each, and be formally healed, before becoming affiliated members of said Council.

"The Grand Recorder offered the following resolutions, which were severally adopted:—

"*Resolved* 1, That the fees of Subordinate Councils to the Grand Council shall be, for annual dues, 50 cents per member; the two degrees, $1.

"2. That five dollars shall be the minimum fee for conferring the two degrees in Subordinate Councils—$2.50 for each.

"3. That all Councils that forfeited their charters prior to the Merger, may resume work on the same terms as those in good standing at the time of the Merger, provided reorganization is effected within six months; and that all non-affiliates residing within the jurisdiction of such dormant Councils may participate in the reorganization and thus be recognized as members of said Councils.

"4. That the dues of all Councils that forfeited their charters be remitted.

"On motion, Companions SAVERY and VAUGHAN were appointed a committee to prepare a circular letter to the Royal Arch Chapters setting forth the action taken by the Grand Council in relation to suspended Council Masons, and to urge the reorganization of all dormant Councils."

M.·. I.·. WILLIAM RICHARDS was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* J. L. POWER was elected Grand Recorder. The Companions of Mississippi have given the Merger plan a fair trial, and have become convinced of its futility. We rejoice to welcome them back to the Cryptic fold, and wishing them the highest degree of prosperity, we trust they may soon see their way clear to become a constituent of the General Grand Council.

MISSOURI.

The twenty-fourth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of St. Louis on the twenty-fourth day of April, 1889,—the *M.·. I.·.* H. C. CHRISTOPHER, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* WM. H. MAYO being Grand Recorder.

Seven subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his Address, pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of *R.·. I.·.* Comp. JAMES N. BURNS, who was the first Deputy Grand Master.

In discussing the condition of the Cryptic Rite, the Grand Master says:—

"You will, I think, agree with me, that it does not have that aggressive force that will make it successful, and out of which a lusty growth would come, nor has it that force which characterizes other branches of Masonry.

"Of the various causes that combine to make this condition I need not speak, as you are all familiar with them.

"That its votaries are brave in mere resistance is conceded, and they have perhaps done well to maintain it where it is. But mere resistance will not win victories, and we must become aggressive if we would make our Rite take the place in the Masonic system that it is properly entitled to.

"Its ceremonies are not only inseparably connected with some of the most important events on which the entire Masonic system is founded, but they are beautiful and instructive, and cannot fail to enrich the minds of all who study them.

"The mere fact that these degrees have, in the face of many obstacles, maintained the place they have in the system is an evidence that they are entitled to a high place in the minds of all who are admitted to a knowledge of the mysteries which they unfold and explain, and it is only for us to value them as we ought, and they will become aggressive in our hands, and will achieve results of which we may all be proud.

"Let each then ask himself: Is there nothing that I can do that will be to the interest of Cryptic Masonry? Can I not by some personal effort do something to advance those interests? While results are only achieved by combined effort, yet this can only come from individual enthusiasm."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $312.19.

The committee appointed at the last Annual Assembly to prepare a suitable installation ceremony for Grand and subordinate Councils reported, and the result of their labors is printed with the proceedings. No legislation of general interest was had. The Grand Recorder, Comp. W. H. MAYO, presented an excellent Report on Correspondence, being the first we have received from that Grand Council for several years. California receives fraternal notice. Under the head of "Illinois," he says:—

"Comp. L. R. JEROME, M. D., occupies sixty pages of closely printed matter in reviewing twenty-three Grand Councils, the burden of his song is hurling invectives, using strong adjectives about and anathemas against the G. G. C., as he designates it. He seems to be dreadfully out of humor at the General Grand Council about some imaginary wrong, or has borrowed much trouble when none was due him; he makes much ado about nothing; he reminds us very much of the fellow-countryman of ours at Donnybrook Fair, or the one that was looking for the man that would tread on the tail of his coat. Look out, Comp. JEROME; we will set CHARLEY MEYER, of Pennsylvania, on to you, if you do not quit being so pugnacious.

He concludes his reports as follows:—

"We have waded through, picked and cut out, quoted and commented

on considerable matter from the twenty pamphlets reviewed, thereby stretching out our report beyond the admonition 'A short Report on Correspondence.' But as it is a fact that we have had no report or review of other States for several years, during which time several questions of considerable importance and great interest to the Rite having arisen and have been freely discussed, we thought it only right that our active, earnest and intelligent workers in Missouri should have all the points and facts laid before them, in order that they might judge for themselves, and see and know what is going on in other States. In our report next year we hope to receive and review at least five or ten more States; we also hope to present a much more complete and valuable statistical table. If Grand Recorders could only be induced to give in their printed proceedings, tabular statistics of their respective States, what an easy matter this would be; but too many by far seem to think that they know how affairs (if they do) stand in their own jurisdiction, and no one else has a right to inquire. We are one of those who believe that we all have a right to know what our sister Grand Jurisdictions, whether they owe allegiance to the General Grand Council or not, are doing, and how they stand and what their statistics show, so that all intelligent, reading, thinking members of the Rite may be fully posted; so, Comp. Grand Recorders, please give a table or recapitulation showing these facts, it will take very little of your time to do so, and save much time and trouble to those of us who are statistical cranks."

In connection with his report, Comp. MAYO has prepared and published an interesting and valuable table of statistics, which we take the liberty of reproducing for the benefit of our Companions:—

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1888, COMPILED BY WM. H. MAYO, GRAND RECORDER OF MISSOURI.

State.	Date of Meeting.	Date Printed Proceedings Received.	No. Pages in Pamphlet.	Grand Master.	Grand Recorder.	No. of Subordinate Councils.	No. of Members
Arkansas	Nov. 29, 1888	Feb. 6, 1889	24	G. L. Kimball.	J A Henry	18	319
California	April 16, 1888	July 24, 1888	58	Charles L Field	Thos H Caswell	12	901
Connecticut	May 7, 1888	June 7, 1888	34	James H Welsh	Joseph K Wheeler	21	2196
Illinois	Oct 24, 1888	Jan 7, 1889	111	Nathaniel Bowditch	Gil W. Barnard.	44	2210
Indiana	Oct 16, 1888	Nov. 17, 1888	99	H W Mordhurst	W H. Smyth	41	1864
Kansas	Feb 14, 1888	Oct. 25, 1888	20	George W. Port	John H Brown	9	330
Kentucky	Oct 15, 1888	Jan. 9, 1889	89	H B Grant	L D. Croninger	23	637
Maine	May 2, 1888	Dec. 10, 1888	36	C W. Haney	Ira Berry	12	1025
Massachusetts	Dec 12, 1888	Feb 22, 1889	67	Daniel W Jones	A F Chapman	22	3178
Michigan	Jan. 16, 1888	May 23, 1888	115	A G Gulley	Garra B. Noble	44	2270
Minnesota	Oct 8, 1888	Jan 28, 1889	68	A Z Levering	William Cheney	6	514
Missouri	May 9, 1888	Aug., 1888	24	W. H Stansbury	William H. Mayo.	8	297
New Hampshire	May 14, 1888	May 10, 1889	54	W. A. Russell	George P. Cleaves	10	990
New Jersey	Jan 24, 1889	March 6, 1888.	16	James B Small	Charles Bechtel	5	338
New York	Sept 4, 1888	Oct 15, 1888	90	John L Brothers	George Van Vliet.	24	2686
Ohio	Oct 2, 1888	Nov 21, 1888.	89	D C Winegarner	J. H Caldwell	46	3052
Oregon	Feb. 1, 1888	March 2, 1888.	38	Christopher Taylor	F. J Babcock	3	126
Pennsylvania.	Feb. 15, 1888	April 25, 1888.	82	Charles K Francis	Charles E. Meyer	20	1486
South Carolina	Feb. 14, 1888	April 30, 1889.	10	G T. Berg	Zimmerman Davis	5	94
Vermont	June 12, 1888	Aug 15, 1888	56	Henry H Ross	W. G Reynolds	19	905

There are seven subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 266.

The *M.·. I.·.* JOHN JAY PIERSON was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA.

This Grand Council convened in Annual Assembly in Beatrice, on the eleventh day of December, 1888,—the *R.·. I.·.* FRANK H. YOUNG, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM R. BOWEN, being Grand Recorder.

Seven subordinate Councils were represented.

A petition of sundry Companions for authority to open and hold a Council at Beatrice, was received, and a dispensation granted.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $11.00. The charter of one Council was declared forfeited, having held no Assembly for more than two years. The following resolution, which was adopted, exhibits a novel state of affairs:—

"WHEREAS, No dues or fees have been sent up by the constituent Councils of the jurisdiction since 1878; and, whereas, our treasury is exhausted; be it

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to require the constituent Councils to pay any or all the dues and fees due therefrom for the years ending October 31, 1887, and October 31, 1888."

We are not surprised that it is low water in the treasury. A charter was granted to the Council under dispensation, notwithstanding the fact that it had existed under dispensation but one day. A resolution was adopted authorizing the Grand Master to call a special Assembly of the Grand Council at Omaha, on the day next preceding the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The object of the Special Assembly is not announced. It was also resolved, that the Grand Master be requested to again submit to the chartered Councils the question of this Grand Council becoming a constituent of the General Grand Council.

The absence of the Grand Master is not explained, nor is there any allusion to it in the proceedings.

There is no Report on Correspondence, no statistical tables, "no nothing."

The *M.·. I.·.* FRANK H. YOUNG was elected Grand Master, Grand Recorder as before.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

This Grand Council held its twenty-seventh Annual Assembly in the city of Concord, on the fourteenth day of May, 1888,—the *M.·. I.·.* WALDO A. RUSSELL, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE P. CLEAVES being Grand Recorder.

Ten subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief and entirely confined to matters of local interest. Of the condition of the Rite, he says:—

"From the best information I have obtained from the Craftsman of the Mystic Vault, I am pleased to say to this Grand Body that union and harmony prevail throughout our borders. No discord exists among the workmen in our arches; no sleeping steward impedes the progress of our glorious work of raising the noble Temple towards the skies. Each and every one has acted well his part."

He had visited officially all of the Councils and appears to be well satisfied with their condition. The reports of the visiting Grand Officers show also a very satisfactory condition of the subordinate Councils.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $408.45. The Grand Recorder, Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, presented the Report on Correspondence which is a well prepared paper. California receives fraternal notice.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master and *R.·. I.·.* Grand Recorder were re-elected.

The twenty-eighth Annual Assembly was held in the same city, on the thirteenth day of May, 1889, Grand Officers as before.

All the subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master commences his Address with the pleasant announcement that:—

"The past year has been a prosperous one. Peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction, and the Councils, with but two exceptions, have made a good showing, and I feel confident that the future welfare of Cryptic Masonry in this State looks very bright."

He pays an appropriate and fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead in his own and other jurisdictions, and extends his sympathies to the bereaved. His official acts were of local interest only. The Committee on Jurisprudence, Trials and Appeals, found their position a sinecure, and congratulated the Grand Council upon this evidence of the peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Recorder reported a balance on hand of $749.95. A charter was granted to one Council working under dispensation.

Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder, again submitted a good Report on Correspondendence, reviewing the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils. California for 1888 receives kindly and fraternal notice. The Cryptic Rite appears to find congenial soil in the old Granite State, and seems to be as firmly established as her everlasting hills. So may it continue.

There are now eleven chartered Councils in this jurisdiction, the ten making returns showing an aggregate membership of 1,026, a gain of seventy-two during the year.

The *M.·. I.·.* JOSHUA W. HUNT was elected Grand Master, *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE P. CLEAVES still retaining the place of Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

The thirty-first Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Trenton, on the twenty-second day of January, 1889, the *M.·. I.·.*

GILBERT B. SLACK, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES BECHTEL being Grand Recorder. Six subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his Address, announces the death of *R.·. I.·.* Comp. JOHN WOOLVERTON, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council, and pays a fraternal tribute to his memory.

Two delinquent Councils were suspended, but upon promises to do better in future one of them was reinstated. He had visited five of the six Councils, and found all but one in fairly good condition. There is nothing in his official acts calling for comment or criticism.

There is no report on Correspondence.

The thirty-second Annual Assembly was held in the city of Trenton, on the twenty-eighth day of January, 1890, the *M.·. I.·.* GEORGE W. STEED, Grand Master, presiding. All the subordinate Councils were represented. The Grand Master delivered a good Address on subjects of local interest.

Touching the condition of the Rite in that jurisdiction, he says:—

"Having no questions or appeals submitted to me this year, I think it speaks well for Cryptic Masonry in this State. Not a murmur has disturbed the peace and harmony that exists. Peace spreads her angel wings over, and harmony reigns supreme in all our Councils. There is no strife, not even a discordant sound among the workmen. The trowel is in active use, and the sword lies rusting in the scabbard. May this peace ever prevail, this harmony ever exist, working together for the advancement of the interests of our beloved Order."

Amen, say we.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows a balance on the right side of $175.49.

No legislation of general interest was had. We regret the continued absence of a Report on Correspondence, and trust the fund will soon accumulate sufficiently to allow of the publication of a first-class paper of that character.

The six chartered Councils report a total membership of 375. The *M.·. I.·.* LINSLY ROWE was elected Grand Master, and Comp. BECHTEL still holds the fort as Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

This Grand Council convened in Annual Assembly in the city of New York, on the tenth day of September, 1889,—the *M.·. I.·.* RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE VAN VLIET being Grand Recorder.

Twenty-three subordinate Councils were represented.

After the Grand Council had been opened in AMPLE FORM, the Grand Master received and welcomed the Representatives from other Grand Councils, and tendered to them, and through them, to the several Grand Bodies which they represented, the greetings of the Grand Council of the State of New York. We notice that our Representative, Comp. THOMAS GLIDDON, was on deck and ready for business. Fraternal congratulations

were telegraphed to the Grand Council of Ohio, convened in Annual Assembly at Findlay, in that State.

The Grand Master, in a well worded Address, congratulates his Companions upon the prosperous condition of the Rite in that Grand Jurisdiction. He says: "All is peace and harmony."

The list of departed loved ones is a long and illustrious one, and full justice is done by the Grand Master to the memory of the dead.

The subordinate Councils were apportioned to the various Grand Officers for visitations, and in making the apportionment the Grand Master says:—

"There can be no doubt that the great success and advancement of Cryptic Masonry in the past year was, in a measure, accomplished by the benefit resultant from our system of visitation; therefore, the Grand Master earnestly requests every Grand Officer to visit the Councils assigned, and fully acquaint himself with their condition, giving to the membership words of encouragement and appreciation of the Grand Council of the work in which they are engaged. The Grand Master requests the Masters of Councils to at once communicate with the Grand Officers to whom they are assigned, in order that a date of visitation may be arranged, and they shall be enabled to give timely notice thereof to the Council."

He reports that one dormant Council had been resuscitated and is now doing good work.

No questions had been referred to him for decision during the year.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $260.67. The Grand Recorder reports as follows:—

"I have entered in the Grand Council Registry to the present time the names of		4,504 Companions
among whom the following changes in membership have occurred:		
Suspended for non-payment of dues	967	
Died	360	
Dimitted	298	
Expelled	12	1,637
Leaving a registered membership of		2,867 Companions."

The Committee on Grievances couldn't find one with a locomotive headlight.

"From the reports of the several Grand Officers appointed by the Grand Master for official visitation to the various subordinate Councils, it would seem that a prosperous era had dawned upon the Cryptic Rite, and success to have crowned the efforts of many of our Councils which have remained almost motionless for years past."

The thanks of the Grand Council were unanimously tendered to the retiring Grand Master, RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE, "for his untiring efforts, his dignified manner, and his impartial performance of the duties incumbent upon him as Grand Master." The sum of fifty dollars was appropriated for the purpose of procuring a suitable testimonial, to be presented to Past General Grand Master, GEORGE M. OSGOODBY. A compliment well deserved.

The Report on Correspondence, is again from Companion OSGOODBY'S

able and genial pen. He gives us tidings from thirty-three Grand Councils, including California for 1889, which he honors with a first-class notice. He says:—

"The holding of the Triennial of the General Grand Council at the same time and place of the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter is favored by this body, with cogent argument as to the reasons upon which they base their position.

"The constitution was amended in important particulars, one of which we have already noted, and the other important one, being that relative to jurisdiction over territory unoccupied by a Grand Council, which is renounced in favor of the General Grand Council.

"The Report on Correspondence is sandwiched or 'injected' into the bowels of the proceedings, the same as is the custom in our own jurisdiction. We approve of this way of doing the matter up. Call the routine work 'the bread of life' to our bodies, then put in the humors, the amenities, the spices, the comments, the sometime asperities (as the mustard), and call all this the 'meat,' and we can get up quite a sandwich, better, we opine, than the 'Jersey Sandwich,' composed of two hemlock shingles and a piece of sole-leather, that is said to pass current in some quarters."

"The report is from the veteran CASWELL, than whom no better wields a quill. He reviews the proceedings of sixteen jurisdictions, including New York for 1888, in a spirited and pleasant manner. His loyalty to the present status of the Cryptic Rite in the organization and control of the General Grand Body is seen in almost every sentence, and he is ready to take up his weapons of defense at the slightest alarm. He covers nearly thirty-four closely printed pages."

Our natural modesty almost prevented us from reproducing the above, but since we have been dubbed a "Prince," by one of our cotemporaries, we begin to feel the dignity and importance of our position, and feel that our Companions of the lower grades of rank ought to be made acquainted with some of the good things said of us.

He quotes quite copiously and approvingly from our report, and, alluding to our complaint of the non-receipt of Proceedings, says:—

"Speaking of the neglect to forward copies of proceedings, he cites our having to write to eighteen jurisdictions, last year, to get copies, and says, that out of thirty Grand Councils he only received proceedings from sixteen. Well, we did better this year. We only had to write to twelve delinquents. In three years longer, with a like yearly gain, we shall have succeeded in getting all on time."

Under "Iowa," we find the following:—

"This is the jurisdiction of the 'Lone Star,' that is, it is the only State left now assuming to work the Cryptic Rite under the domination of Royal Arch Chapters. There is, of course, no Grand Council in Iowa, and the Grand Chapter is recognized as the head of the Rite by those within its borders.

"The Companions of Iowa who have been endeavoring to advance the knowledge of the Rite for the years intervening since the surrender of the degrees to the Grand Chapter, are entitled to the credit of having labored thoroughly with the purpose of giving the light afforded by the Cryptic Degrees to every Royal Arch Mason in its membership, but the work has languished, and has come almost to a stand, for which situation several

things have been the indirect cause, among which, the first and probably the most important factor has been the fact that Iowa is in a large minority of the States working these degrees as to the rightful control of the Rite. In fact, at the present writing, it is the only State assuming to control the degrees in a Chapter organization, and it is not recognized as regular by the others; hence those receiving the degrees there are held in other jurisdictions to have been irregularly made and do not feel that the degrees are worth having abroad. This state of things will undoubtedly continue for the future, and the result is not hard to determine. The degrees will be sought less and less, until they arrive at a nominal point and then drop out of the system of Masonry in Iowa altogether, unless some plan of reviving them can be devised which will also meet the approval of other Grand Bodies outside of their jurisdiction. We have considered the matter with care, interest and solicitude and we believe impartially, and with a sincere desire for the resuscitation and advancement of the Rite to its proper position in the system to which of right it is entitled. We believe that it is the universal desire of all Cryptic Masons outside of Iowa that this jurisdiction should sever its capitular degrees from the Cryptic Rite, dissolve the union between the Grand Chapter and the Rite, and re-organize its Grand Council with full control of the Rite. None will give such a step a heartier or more sincere welcome than will the writer, and he believes he can speak advisedly for every other jurisdiction in the country which is a constituent of the General Grand Council in saying that a like welcome would be sent by all, and, in proof of this, we refer to the position taken by the different Grand Councils upon the change in the States of Mississippi and North Carolina. The views we present upon this question are also shared by some of our Companions in Iowa, as may be seen by the following extracts from the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter, at its Convocation, held at Cedar Rapids, October 16, 1888. The Grand Lecturer in his report, pages 118-9, says:—

"'Crytic Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction seems to be among the things of the past. Few Chapters are conferring the degrees, *neither do they have any interest in them since the consolidation.* As a rule the officers of the different Chapters feel that to do themselves and Capitular Masonry justice, it is asking too much of them to be obliged to confer the Cryptic degrees. This matter I have referred to the Grand High Priest, and, from my observation, *I cannot refrain from expressing my opinion that it would be far better for both institutions to dissolve the Mississippi plan and return to our former system, and belong to a sisterhood of the General Grand Council of the United States of America.* When we realize that we are not recognized outside of our own jurisdiction, with a few exceptions, it seems that we are not accomplishing that which would be desirable to the fraternity of Cryptic Masonry.'

"The italics in the above quotation are ours. This report was made October 16, to the Grand Chapter, and it speaks very forcibly of the status of the Rite there, although on June 16th of the same year, by General Order No. 3, issued by the Grand High Priest to the several Chapters, he requires them to work the Cryptic degrees, in this language:—

"'Companions: knowing that some Chapters are neglecting to confer the Cryptic degree, I would most respectfully call your attention to the law, that it is incumbent on you to comply with the law, and confer them in their regular order. Also one of the general regulations requires that each candidate for the Capitular degrees must exhibit suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees before being advanced. You will see that this is complied with by examination in open Chapter, in ALL cases.'

"We look forward with bright anticipations to the time when this *really Grand Jurisdiction* shall take the step suggested by the Grand Lecturer

in his report, and we believe the date is not far distant when our sisterhood will be enabled to reach out from every direction with the cordial 'welcome' which has heretofore been extended to each jurisdiction upon taking like step in the past. Then Companion SOUTHGATE of North Carolina cannot say, as he does in his Report on Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of that State, at its Convocation, held May 21st, 1889:

"'Iowa is left now to 'tread this wine press alone.'

"Soon shall the Cryptic Rite have enlisted under its banner all of its devotees, be they now of us or of other ways. May God speed the happy day when dissensions shall no longer have a place or existence in the great Sisterhood, but when all shall be peace and harmony."

All which we emphasize with a fervent AMEN.

We would gladly follow our esteemed Companion further in his interesting and instructive report, but time and space are both restricted.

The *M.·. I.·.* JOHN N. MACOMB, JR., was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE VAN VLIET was re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

The fifty-ninth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Findlay, on the tenth day of September, 1889,—the *M.·. I.·.* GEORGE D. MCBRIDE, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* JOHN D. CALDWELL being Grand Recorder.

Thirty-nine subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's Address is a good business paper, and gives a clear idea of the condition of the Rite in that jurisdiction.

He says:—"The transactions of the official year, now about to close, and which we have met to study and review, have been, so far as I have learned, free from contention or discord among the workmen." With a view to a thorough supervision of the subordinate Councils, he divided the State into nine "arches" or districts, placing each arch under the charge of a competent Companion, who was expected to report the condition of all the Councils in his particular arch to the Grand Council at its next Annual Assembly. The plan is a good one and worked well as the reports of the Supervisors of the nine arches are full of interesting and valuable information. The official acts of the Grand Master were of a routine character and have little interest outside his own jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $1,233.70. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that no business had been submitted requiring their attention. The proceedings proper we find rather dry picking, but when we come to the Report on Correspondence, by Companion S. STACKER WILLIAMS, we find many a sweet morsel to whet the appetite for more. Comp. WILLIAMS in his genial, racy manner, reviews the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Councils, giving California for 1889, a generous share of his attention.

In reviewing our report, he says:—

"Under Indiana, he said that in the Constitution of his Grand Council a certain provision had been overlooked, but in such cases it was the custom to follow the law of the Grand Lodge. A very good practice.

"He pays his respects to Kentucky, and particularly to our esteemed friend STATON; but either being excited, or nervous, or possibly having taken time to '*go across the street*,' he lost his place in Comp. STATON'S book, and dropped down on what was said by the Kentuckian about the anomalous proceedings in the installation of Grand Officers in the Grand Council of Ohio, which the reader will be kind enough to see in our review of Kentucky in this report, where our answer to Comp. STATON will be found. As Comp. CASWELL (supposing that he was defending his own Grand Council), put more music in his explanation than we did, we will give the reader the benefit of it."

He then quotes our reply to Comp. STATON.

We can assure Comp. WILLIAMS that the only trouble with the above is an "out" by the confounded printer, who had been "across the street" several times, we presume. In reviewing Comp. STATON'S report, what we wrote was, and it was omitted by that son of a tinker of a compositor: "Under the head of Ohio, he says:" The omission of these words makes demnition nonsense of the entire following paragraph. We failed to discover it at the time, but when our attention was called to it, we went down and fractured that printer's skull with a side-stick, and there will be no more "outs" from that quarter.

He, too, has had some experience with the "intelligent compositor." In our last report we accused him of spelling the name of Companion DADMUN, of Massachusetts, "DADMAN." To which accusation he responds:

"Now, Comp. CASWELL, *we didn't*. It was the printer who did it, and we didn't read the proof." Well, Comp. WILLIAMS, we have both suffered; let us each "cross the street" in our respective abodes and silently put down our perturbed spirits.

Under the head of "Kentucky," we find his answer to Comp. STATON, on the installation question:—

"Why, bless your soul, Comp. STATON, don't you know that Comp. C. C. KIEFER is a *Past* GRAND *Master* of the Grand Council? So, after all, all this is brought out on account of the dropping of a word by our Grand Recorder. We will go bail that Uncle John will get the *Grand* in next time.

"But even had *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. KIEFER *not been a Past Grand Master*, we cannot agree that the ceremony would have been irregular. *Installation of a Grand Officer of any Grand Masonic Body, at the hands of a presiding or past presiding officer of a subordinate to such Grand Body, is regular.* Certainly our esteemed Companion is at perfect liberty to criticise our ceremonies, and whenever he finds irregularities to point them out and condemn them. Being a member of the General Grand Council does not render us infallible; but something of a more serious matter than the criticism on our installation must appear, or our equilibrium will not be disturbed."

The dropping of a word does sometimes raise the d—ickens, as we have seen on more than one occasion. If Past Grand Master KIEFER has read all the comments on his simple act of installation, he must be highly amused.

We regret that want of time and space precludes the possibility of our making further extracts from this admirable report.

There are forty-three subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 2,930. The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

PENNSYLVANIA.

This Grand Council held its forty-third Annual Assembly at Johnstown, on the twentieth day of February, 1889,—the *M.·. I.·.* JOHN L. YOUNG, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES E. MEYER being Grand Recorder.

Ten subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is very brief, and aside from appropriate mention of deceased Companions, is confined to a recital of his official acts, which are of interest only to members of his own jurisdiction. He says:—

"Throughout the jurisdiction progress has been marked, and while some Councils stand still, others are striding forward.

"There is one matter which I have endeavored to bring to the attention of the officers of Councils, and that is the importance of their making themselves familiar with the work. It is not at all creditable to a T. I. G. Master or his officers to call upon Grand or Past Grand officers to confer the degrees of Cryptic Masonry. While it may be, and is, no doubt, pleasant to listen to those who have been elected to the highest offices in the Grand Council do the work, yet it is also more satisfactory to the membership to know that their own officers are as competent and as entertaining.

"A little more interest by the officers will beget a like interest in the members, and in a short time the sleeping Council will bestir with life and animation."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $1,147.04. The Grand Recorder was authorized to procure and present to the retiring Grand Master, a suitable testimonial of the high regard felt for him by the Grand Council.

The Committee on Correspondence presented a verbal report, which was accepted. They promised to have a full report next year. We trust they will keep their promise.

There are twenty-one subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 1,554. The *M.·. I.·.* DAVID A. STEVENSON, was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES E. MEYER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

This Grand Council held its twenty-ninth Annual Assembly in the city of Charleston, on the fourteenth day of February, 1888,—the *M.·. I.·.* G. T. BERG, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* ZIMMERMAN DAVIS being Grand Recorder.

Six subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master begins his brief Address with a bit of early history. He says:—

"It is true that several years before 1860, subordinate Councils were established in South Carolina, which were organized under the authority

of the A. & A. S. R. In February, 1860, six subordinate Councils formed a Grand Council, still under the same authority.

"These Councils were the following: *Adoniram* Council No. 1, meeting at Charleston, changed by petition, February 17th, 1870, to

Enoch Council No. 1, Charleston.
Adoniram Council No. 2, Laurens.
———————— No. 3, Cokesbury.
Wynne Council No. 4, Anderson.
Union Council No. 5, Columbia.
———————— No. 6, Lancaster.

"These, and all subsequent subordinate Councils remained under the supervision of an Inspector General of the A. & A. S. Rite until in May, 1870, that body relinquished its authority over the Council degrees, thus making each Grand Council a Supreme Body, independent of the A. & A. S. Rite. Of the six Councils named, forming a Grand Council in 1860, only two, Numbers 4 and 5, were in operation last year, the others having become dormant."

He reports that one dormant Council had been revived, and another reorganized.

He had performed no official acts save the installation of the officers of the reorganized Council, and the filling of vacancies arising from death, or other causes.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $29.34. This probably accounts for the absence of a Report on Correspondence.

"On motion of Companion PANKNIN, the motion of Companion DAVIS, adopted at the Annual Assembly of 1887, was continued in force for another year, to wit:

" 'All dormant Councils are granted dispensations to reorganize, and to communicate the degrees with less than the requisite number, if necessary—the fees, however, in no case to be less than ten dollars.' "

The thirtieth Annual Assembly was held in the same place, on the twelfth day of February, 1889,—the *M.·. I.·.* A. DOTY, Grand Master, presiding.

Five subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his Address, says:—

"While, then, I most heartily greet and welcome you to this Grand Assembly, I can give you only this encouragement—that the Councils of the past year are still in active operation and that the membership has been slightly increased. But I, by no means, despair of the ultimate success of Cryptic Masonry in South Carolina. The blighting influence of the 'merging' plan is still upon us, and the Councils that went out of existence in consequence of its adoption have lost interest and heart in the work."

He, also, is imbued with the pre-requisite idea, and alluding to the fact that Minnesota had adopted a resolution looking to that end, he says:—

"Would it not be well for this Grand Council to take the matter under advisement at this Assembly and hold up the hands of our Minnesota Companions before the General Grand Council next fall, by the adoption of a similar resolution?"

With a view to promoting the welfare of the Rite, he makes the following suggestions:—

"In some localities, Royal Arch Masonry has met with reviving interest, and I hope that, as the re-organized Chapters become more firmly established, we may be able not only to rouse dormant Councils, but to establish new ones in places where none has heretofore existed. Dormant Councils, as a rule, are supplied with the necessary clothing and furniture for work; they only need the members to establish a quorum, and this Grand Council has for two years granted such favorable terms for securing new members that, in my judgment, the only legislation required at this assembly is to renew the resolution, to which I have referred, for another year.

"But in localities where no Council has ever been organized, the principal difficulty to be encountered is the expense to be incurred in the purchase of clothing and furniture. Can this objection be successfully met? I think it can by the adoption of the following plan, to which I invite your serious attention:

"Authorize the Grand Master, either in person or by deputy, to communicate the degrees of Royal and Select Master to not less than nine (9) Royal Arch Masons, who may desire to form a Council, each paying *in advance* the mimimum fee prescribed by this Grand Council. The new Council to be immediately organized and set to work under dispensation. From the sum received from the candidates, deduct, *first*, an amount sufficient to defray the expenses of the visiting official; and *second*, an amount sufficient to pay for a charter; the balance to be turned into the *treasury of the new Council*, with the written agreement of its officers that no part thereof shall be applied to any purpose other than that of purchasing clothing and furniture."

There is merit in the plan, and we would like to see it tried. The Grand Treasurer reports cash in his hands amounting to $22.31.

There are five subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of thirty-four.

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

TENNESSEE.

The thirty-ninth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Nashville, on the twenty-ninth day of January, 1889, the *M.·. I.·.* JOHN B. GARRETT, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* JOHN FRIZELL being Grand Recorder.

Eleven subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master in a brief Address, says:—

"Companions, it is painful to me to come up with the same old story that Cryptic Masonry in Tennessee is at a low ebb; but there is a consolation in knowing that so far as I have been able to do so, without neglect of my business avocations, I have discharged the duties of my position with fidelity and sincerity."

He reports the granting of one dispensation for the formation of a new Council. He gives the cheering intelligence that the Grand Council is now practically out of debt, which is a grand stride on the road to prosperity. Although the Rite in this jurisdiction is not in the most flour-

ishing condition there is hope of a revival of interest, and if all were as enthusiastic as the Grand Master, there would soon be a change for the better. In closing, he says:—

"In conclusion, Companions, let me exhort you to prepare for more work; we cannot succeed without it, and we must endeavor, each and every one of us, to infuse new life into our Councils by regular attendance upon the meetings, bringing into the fold all who have taken our solemn obligations. So many there are who would offer excuses, but they should not be accepted so readily. Cryptic Masonry should flourish in Tennessee, and it only remains with us to make it mount upon new wings, bearing away to all men the psalm of fraternal friendship.

"Then let us renew our vows, to bring about the better condition of all the Councils in the State, by redoubling our efforts.

"What is worthy of our time and attention should be pressed onward and upward to the highest success. I trust this year will be our best."

Let us hope it may be so.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of $91.65. The Committee on Appeals reported that no business had come before them, and the Committee on Correspondence that no report had been prepared.

There are eleven subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 334.

The *M.·. I.·.* J. C. SMITH, JR., was elected Grand Master, Companion FRIZELL still Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

The thirty-sixth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Burlington, on the eleventh day of June, 1889,—the *M.·. I.·.* HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* WARREN G. REYNOLDS being Grand Recorder.

Eighteen chartered Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his Address, announces that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction. His official acts were of a routine character and interesting only to the members of that jurisdiction. In concluding his Address, he says:—

"I believe that Cryptic Masonry is able to maintain a vigorous and beneficent life without being propped by other bodies; yet I would gladly see the Council degrees prerequisite to the Commandery. The State compels its children to attend its schools, and acquire the elements of intellectual training; so Masonry should insist that its votaries should be intelligent, well-informed Masons in all that precedes before being admitted to the 'higher degrees.' The Commandery has no essential connection with Masonry, but it has chosen to receive none as members who have not received all the degrees of Masonry up to and including the Royal Arch. In consistency it should extend its requirements so as to include the degrees of Royal and Select Masters. It would not by so doing reduce the number of candidates; those who aim at the condition of the plumed knight as the goal of their ambition will not be deterred by the length of the way; and they who advance but to go from strength to strength will gladly draw from every inspiring source. Either the Commandery should

draw directly from the Lodge or from the Council. I fail to see the propriety in drawing only from the middlemen. I know that this is an old idea, but I think that there is now a strong feeling among our sister jurisdictions that Cryptic Masonry has a right to make this claim at the hands of the Commandery. I hope, therefore, that this Grand Council will embody its feeling in a resolution to the General Grand Council asking that action be taken at its next session, to be holden the coming autumn, looking to the attainment of this object."

The Grand Treasurer reports on hand $323.37.

A charter was granted to a new Council at Waterbury. No further legislation of interest was had. There is no Report on Correspondence.

This jurisdiction has twenty subordinate Councils, but as we have no time to foot up the figures of the Grand Recorder, we cannot give the number of members.

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

The third Triennial Assembly of this General Grand Body was held in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, on the nineteenth day of November, 1889,—the *R.·. P.·.* GEORGE W. COOLEY, General Deputy Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. P.·.* HENRY W. MORDHURST being General Grand Recorder.

Seventeen State Grand Councils and two subordinate Councils, holding immediately under the General Grand Council, were represented. California being represented by *R.·. P.·.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, General Grand Conductor of the Council, and proxy for the Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Works.

The *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master being detained at home, by severe domestic affliction, Companion ORESTES A. B. SENTER, General Grand Principal Conductor, moved that the sympathy and condolence of the General Grand Council be telegraphed him, over the signature of the General Grand Deputy Master, and General Grand Recorder.

Carried, unanimously.

Companion WILLIAM ABRAM LOVE, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia, then presented the fraternal greetings of the Masons in a well chosen Address of welcome, which was happily responded to by the General Grand Deputy Master. The General Grand Deputy Master submitted the Address of the General Grand Master, relating to his official duties and acts during his term. He received a communication from a Companion of Deming, New Mexico, stating that there were several Companions desirous of forming a Council of Royal and Select Masters, but having received the degrees in a Chapter Council in Texas, were not competent to form such a Council, and asking his assistance in accomplishing their desires, referring him to a Past Principal Conductor of the Works of the old Grand Council of Illinois, then at Fort Bliss, Texas. Satisfying himself by communicating with the Grand Master of Illinois of the standing of the Companion in question, he commissioned him to proceed to Deming and heal the Companions in numbers sufficient to form a Council,

which was done, and upon a petition from nine Royal and Select Masters, a dispensation was granted and a Council opened under the name of *Deming* Council.

Also, a communication from Companion THOMAS J. WILDER, Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Dakota, a Royal and Select Master of *Union* Council, No. 11, of Michigan, requesting him to send a voucher of his standing in the Cryptic Rite; received a dimit, dated June 4, 1888. He issued a commission to the Companion to communicate the degrees to a certain number of Royal Arch Companions, sufficient to form a Council. This having been effected, he issued a Dispensation for the formation of a Council, and commissioned Companion WILDER to institute it, which was done at Casselton, Dakota.

The General Grand Recorder reported that September 23, 1889, he received official notice that the Grand Council of Nebraska had ratified the Constitution and become a constituent of the General Grand Council.

Also, that the Councils at Deming, New Mexico, and Casselton, Dakota, have made returns and paid dues in full.

He gives the following summary of the work and membership for the years 1886-'87-'88:

Total number of Companions	greeted	3,636	
" " " "	affiliated	260	
" " " "	restored	145	
			4,041
Total number of Companions	expelled	21	
" " " "	suspended	774	
" " " "	dimitted	820	
" " " "	died	685	
			2,300
Net increase			1,741

M.·. P.·. GEORGE W. COOLEY, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was elected General Grand Master; *R.·. P.·.* HENRY W. MORDHURST, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, elected General Grand Recorder.

"The time and place of the next Triennial Assembly was left in the hands of the three first officers, with power to act."

The action of the General Grand Council in the Illinois matter has already been reported upon in our review of that jurisdiction. *M.·. P.·.* GEO. W. COOLEY, General Grand Master; *R.·. P.·.* HENRY W. MORDHURST, General Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

From the perusal of all the proceedings of Grand Councils which have come to us, we feel convinced that the darkest days of the Cryptic Rite are over, and that a new era of prosperity is about to dawn upon our banners. There is a better feeling manifested towards the General Grand

Council, and only one Grand Council in the country still clings to the fatal merger which brought such disaster upon all who adopted it. Iowa, that grand State with all its intelligence and Masonic enthusiasm still clings to the old wreck, but even she is tired of it and is ready to let go. Courage, Companions, there are bright days for Cryptic Masonry yet.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
For the Committee.

Which report was ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

The Grand Council was then called off until three o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Monday, April 14, Anno Dep. 2890.

The Grand Council was called on at three o'clock, the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Recorder presented the credentials of Comp. STEPHEN WING, as Representative of the Grand Council of Illinois; of Comp. WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON, as Representative of the Grand Council of Minnesota; of Comp. CORNELIUS KELLOGG (re-appointed), as Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio; of Comp. CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, as Representative of the Grand Council of Rhode Island; and of Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES (re-appointed), as Representative of the Grand Council of Vermont, near this Grand Council; and

On motion of Comp. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, the companions named were received and accredited as such Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the special committee to whom had been referred the Address of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

In obedience to your directions, your committee have reviewed the address of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master; and while we congratulate the Grand Council upon the harmonious and prosperous condition of the Cryptic Rite in our jurisdiction, and, in consequence, the absence of all matters

of controversy and appeal to our executive head for decision, we are deeply pained to learn that our Grand Master has been unable to participate in the work entrusted to his direction because of serious and long continued illness. We grieve for him in his affliction, and pray that he may be restored to health and to his accustomed usefulness in his Masonic associations.

The Grand Master reminds us "once again" of the uncertainty of human life by announcing the death of our Ill. Comp. Past Grand Master JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH. It is proper for us as Masons, members of a mighty brotherhood, when a Companion dies whom we have loved and honored, to pause and halt upon our way of life, and for a few short moments letting the restless and turbulent currents of the world flow by, assemble together and recount the story of his life, make up his record, and speak of his excellencies and good deeds. And your committee recommend that a special committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master to make proper mention of and report suitable resolutions expressive of the sense of this Grand Body upon the death of our Illustrious Companion, and that a mourning page be devoted to his memory in the proceedings of the present session.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. A. DAVIES,
STEPHEN WING, } *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in, and the recommendations were unanimously adopted.

The acting Grand Master thereupon appointed the following named Companions as a special

Committee on Death of Past Grand Master English:
Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,
" STEPHEN WING,
" WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE.

Comp. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, from the Committee on Finances and Returns, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Finances and Returns have examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and find the same to be correct.

We find the vouchers and papers in proper order, and the amount of cash shown by the Grand Treasurer's report was found to be correctly stated.

Your committee would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

Grand Recorder's salary	$225
Grand Sentinel's salary	10
Grand Organist's salary	10
Contingent expenses of Grand Recorder's office	50
Printing proceedings	100
Expenses of Grand Master to visit Subordinate Councils	200
	$595

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES B. MERRITT,
THOS. KYLE,
ISAAC S. LOCKE, } *Committee.*

Verbal reports from the Chairmen of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals and Grievances were made, stating that no questions or business of any kind had been submitted for the consideration of either of said Committees, and that harmony prevailed throughout the entire Jurisdiction.

On motion of Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year was ordered. The Grand Master having appointed Companions EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN and ISAAC STANWOOD LOCKE to act as tellers, the election proceeded, with the following result:—

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE was elected Grand Master;
" *R.·. I.·.* DAVID PUGH MARSHALL was elected Deputy Grand Master;
" " " GEORGE PENLINGTON was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Works;
" " " FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer;
" " " THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz:—

The *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES DANA BARROWS as ....*Grand Chaplain;*
" " " CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT as ....*Grand Capt. of the Guards;*
" " " GEORGE CROCKETT KNOX as ....*Grand Conductor of Council;*
" " " CHARLES LORD FIELD....as....*Grand Lecturer;*
" " " WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS as ...*Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER...as....*Grand Organist;*
" " JAMES OGLESBY.....as....*Grand Sentinel.*

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Special Committee on the death of Past Grand Master ENGLISH, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California :—

In memory of our Illustrious Companion JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, deceased, the undersigned submit this brief record of our departed Companion, and present the accompanying resolution for adoption.

JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH was an able and accomplished Mason and a christian gentleman. We knew him as Grand Master of this Illustrious Grand Body, and many of us remember him as one of its original organizers in 1861.

Companion ENGLISH was born in Pennsylvania, in the year 1813. Coming to California in the full vigor of his manhood, he passed his useful and active life with us as an honored citizen of Sacramento.

Our Masonic history records him as Master of Sacramento Lodge, No. 40, in the year 1854, and he may well be spoken of as a pioneer of the fraternity, whose well-stored mind and legal ability was always at the service of his Masonic associates.

Brother ENGLISH was an especial admirer of the Cryptic Rite, and devoted his cultivated mind to an intelligent analysis of its teachings and purposes. His failing health for the last five years has prepared us, in a manner, for the melancholy result now before us in the brief notice of his death.

Companion ENGLISH will be remembered by the fraternity as one of its leading representatives in California. He had labored faithfully in the quarries of Masonry, and had received his wages in the full meed of praise awarded him by his brethren and Companions.

Our distinguished Companion has rested from his labors; let us emulate his virtues and remember his good deeds.

"As trees beneath the soil must shoot,
Before they form the grove,
So Man in earth must spread his root,
That hopes to bloom above."

We submit the following resolution as expressive of the sense of this Grand Council:

Resolved, That in the death of our Illustrious Companion, JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH, the Cryptic Rite loses a scholarly and accomplished member, and the Masons of every degree one who was eminent for his ability, whether exercised upon the "ground floor" or in executive station; and, further, that our jewels be draped in mourning in memory of our departed and most Illustrious Companion and in token of our sorrow at his loss. Respectfully submitted.

WM. A. DAVIES,
STEPHEN WING,
WM. MONROE PETRIE, } *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in, and the accompanying resolution unanimously adopted.

The Grand Officers (excepting the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Conductor of the Council) were then installed in their respective stations by Past Grand Master FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, assisted by Past Grand Master CHARLES LORD FIELD as Master of the Ceremonies.

On motion of Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, it was ordered that the Grand Chaplain and Grand Conductor of the Council be installed in the respective Councils of which they are members.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee—

On Correspondence: Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
" EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,
" DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE.

The business of the Grand Council being all completed, the minutes of the session were read and approved, and the Grand Council of California was closed in Ample Form.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,
Grand Master.

Attest:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

This Mourning Page,

BY ORDER OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

M.·. Y.·. James Lawrence English,

Who was Born in the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, on the Fifth day of June, 1813, and who Died in the City of Sacramento, State of California, on the Twenty-ninth day of May, 1889.

HE HAD BEEN

Master of Sacramento Lodge, No. 40, F. & A. M.
High Priest of Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, R. A. M.
Th. Ill. Master of Sacramento Council, No. 1, R. & S. M.

AND

Commander of Sacramento Commandery, No. 2, K. T.

HE HAD ALSO BEEN

Grand Master of Masons of California,
Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons,
Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of California.

AND

Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California.

An accomplished Mason,
A Christian gentleman,
He has gone to his reward.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

A. D. 1890, A. Dep. 2890.

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Hewson Davis, *Ill. Master*,
Harry Ingham, *D. Ill. Master*,
Richard Vaughn, *Prin. Con. of W'ks*,
William Buchanan Miller, *Treasurer*,
William Buckley Davis, *Recorder*,
Christopher Little, *Captain of Guard*,
William Edward Oughton, *Conductor*,
Joel Osgood Wilder, *Steward*,
George Frederick Bronner, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Powell Samuel Lawson, *P. G. M.*,
William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*,
Cornelius Kellogg,
William Edward Oughton, G. M.,
Joseph Davey,
Edwin Glover,
John Hurley,
William Alexander January.

SELECT MASTERS:

Abbott, Augustus
Allen, Robert
Alltucker, Henry
Andrews, John Nichols
Baldwin, William Hedges
Barrett, John
Bartels, George Henry William
Bergevin, Nelson Langevin
Berkey, Thomas Henry
Birdsall, Frederick Wheeler
Bisbee, John Gould
Bishop, Orlando Lusk
Bittancourt, Thomas Maria
Block, Maurice
Boyd, John Walter
Brown, Byron Bradley
Brown, Jay Roshell
Bugby, Benjamin Norton
Burnett, Augustus
Burnham, James Henry

Burr, Richard Palmer
Bush, George Thomson
Butler, Stephen William
Calderwood, Job Francis
Carey, John Thomas
Carroll, Edgar Barclay
Carroll, Harry Winans
Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, Bernard Henry
Chapman, George Warren
Church, William Smithers
Clark, Jerome Franklin
Cluness, William Robert
Cohn, Edward Francis
Coker, Gould Carlton
Coleman, Edward
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin
Conaway, George Winfield
Cothrin, William Kip
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cunningham, John Austin
Curtis, Henry Chittendon
Dale, Richard
Davis, James Gilliland
Decker, Horace Washington
Dennery, Alphonse
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Dierssen, George Ernest August
Dixon, Michael Septimus
Dixon, William Henry
Dresbach, William
Dresher, Valentine
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Fay, Newton Murray
Ferguson, William Redmond
Flemming, Frank
Flye, Charles Eben
Forbes, Robert
Foster, James Stewart
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frank, Samuel
Frates, Frank
Frazee, Robert Smith
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frost, Amos Locke
Fulweiler, John Mathias
Gable, Harvey Clinton
Gagnon, Alfred
Gallatin, Albert
Gardiner, Alexander John
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew, Jr.
Gillis, Dougald
Gottlieb, Samuel
Gregory, Eugene Julius
Gregory, Frank
Gruhler, John
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Moshiem Schmucker
Hammond, Edwin
Harper, Thomas
Harris, David
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, James Darrow
Hatch, Wilbur Mark
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heintzeman, Taylor Washington
Herzog, Philip
Hevener, William Henry
Hillier, Theodore
Hollister, Dwight
Hoehn, Jacob
Hollenbeck, Orrin Whitcomb
Hoover, Benjamin Van Zandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Howell, Sidney Algernon
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Huggins, Henri Tyler
Hull, Joseph
Hunt, John Alexander

Hyman, Daniel
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, William Franklin
Jacobs, Louis
Jenkins, Charles Asberry
Johnston, William
Jones, William Rowland
Just, John Peter
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Krebs, Charles Henry
Lardner, William Bransen
Levison, Jacob
Lewis, Samuel Amanzo
Lightner, Bonus
Lyon, Edward
Lubeck, David Wlademer
Lufkin, Harry Tileston
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McArthur, John
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McKee, Edwin Hervey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
Meister, August
Menke, Anton
Miller, Frederick
Miller, John Henry
Mills, James Edgar
Metcalf, Charles Wesley
Nathan, Samuel
Neff, Jacob Hart
Nelson, Clarence Newton
Nevis, Manuel Silva
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Ochsner, John
Oliver, Alexander Gibson
O'Neil, James
Pacheco, Romualdo
Parsons, Charles Robert
Peterson, William Frederick
Phillips, Louis
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Pockman, Thomas Cross
Putnam, George Alfred
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Richards, John
Roberts, Robert William
Robinson, Robert
Rohrer, Frederick William
Ross, Henry Ackson
Runyon, Solomon
Scroth, John George
Scott, Lemuel Pervine
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Joshua Hughes
Smith, Thomas
Stanley, Leander
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Steinman, Elias Ulmer
Stephens, John Dickson
Stevens, Charles Henry
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Summers, Andrew Good
Sweany, John
Talbot, John
Taverner, George
Taverner, Thomas Moore
Todd, Thomas Milton
Tubbs, John Charles
Tufts, Albert Currier
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
VanKirk, John Claremont
Variel, Robert Henry Fountleroy
Vaughn, Cornelius Lewis Neville
Vermilya, Abram John
Webster, Joseph Richard
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Whitelaw, John
White, George Amos
Willey, Henry Ide
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Witham, Gilbert Tapley
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Young, John Nelles—221.

RESTORED:

Oliver, Alexander Gibson—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Adams, Oliver Miller
Annis, Alexander Greene
Hockheimer, Amiel
Johnson, Julian Workman—4.

DIED:

Bauquier, Joseph
Brown, Thomas Allen
English, James Lawrence
Griffith, Griffith
Merryfield, Justus Chandler
Zimmerman, Christian—6.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	205	Suspend for non-pay't dues.	4
Greeted	25	Died	6
Restored	1—231	Now borne upon the roll	221—231

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Potter Cressey, *Th. Ill. M.*,
Wm. Warren Coleman, *D. Ill. Mas.*,
Henry Ashcroft, *P. C. of Works*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Treasurer*,
George Johnson, *Recorder*,
Charles Lewis Patton, *C. of Guard*,
Robert Ash, *Conductor*,
Paul Breon, *Steward*,
Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
James Oglesby, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Adolphus Hollub,
Thomas Kyle,
Franklin Henry Day
Charles Lord Field,
David Pugh Marshall,
Isaac Stanwood Locke,
George Penlington.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Adolph
Ames, Frank Holmes
Anderson, James Wright
Andrews, Abraham
Anthony, Edward Taylor
Armstrong, George Robert
Armstrong, Robert Bleakley
Armstrong, Rudolph
Atkinson, Thomas Thompson
Badger, William Gilman
Baker, Charles Henry
Baldwin, Alfred Walton
Baldwin, Sherman Charles
Bangs, Edward
Barclay, Henry Robert
Barclay, Peter Thomas
Barrows, Charles Dana
Bassett, Charles Follen
Baston, Joseph Gardner
Baum, David Andrew
Bingham, William Alexander
Birch, William Henry

Black, Howard
Blake, Charles Edward
Blossom, Henry Eckford
Bone, Charles
Bonney, Charles Sumner
Boop, John Daniel
Bragg, Robert
Brinckerhoff, Herman
Broder, Robert Chidley
Bromley, George Tisdale
Browell, Jeremiah
Brown, Henry Adams
Brown, William Anderson
Brown, William Graham
Browne, John Mills
Bruns, Henry Bernhard
Burges, Tristam
Burt, James Gardner
Burtis, Robert Wallace
Calier, James M.
Campbell, Frederick
Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Carr, John George
Chapin, Dinsmore Davis
Charles, Abner Elias
Chesley, Charles Palmer
Christesen, Martin August C.
Christian, Ceasar
Clark, John Franklin
Clement, Joseph
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Coburn, Clarence Wooster
Code, Philip *D*
Cohen, Philip
Cole, Richard Beverly
Coleman, Carlton Chinn
Cressy, Albert
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Charles Frederick
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Crouch, Robert
Crowley, Timothy Jay
Culver, James Henry
Curry, John
Curtis, John Morrison
Dall, Peter Peterson
Daniel, William Lyon
Davis, Jacob Zeigler
Davis, Winfield Scott
Dean, Peter
Decker, Charles William
Dennis, Samuel William
Dietterle, George
Dinsmore, Robert
Doane, John Osborne
Doane, Micah
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dorn, Marcellus Americus
Doud, Aaron
Dougherty, Charles Medley
Douglas, George Willard
Driffield, Vero Carus
Duncan, Benjamin Beatly
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Edelman, Charles
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edmondson, John George
Edwards, Henry
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Edwards, William Harvey
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Eklund, John Peter
Elliot, Charles Emery
Everett, Daniel Henry
Ewen, Oliver
Falls, Richard James
Fargo, Earl Alexander
Fargo, Jerome Bonaparte
Farrell, Edward
Field, Alfred Bishop
Filkins, Charles Wesley
Firth, Joseph Kirk
Fisher, Henry
Fiske, Henry Mortimer
Flint, Brilsford Pease
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Folger, George Edwin
Foster, Arthur William

Fox, John *G*
Frank, George Washington
Frank, Samuel Houston
Frenzel, Godman August
Frolich, Theodore
Gagnon, Michael
Gallagher, John Patrick
Gamble, Samuel
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Giles, Frederick *N*
Goldwater, Morris
Goud, George Lamb
Graham, Thomas Gardner
Graham, William Findley
Grant, Alexander
Graves, Charles Henry
Graves, Hiram Augustus
Graves, Hiram Throop
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Greenhood, William Oscar
Griffin, John Wesley
Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn
Gritman, Charles Ray
Grossetta, Martin
Gullixson, Henry Ferdinand
Haas, David Leopold
Hager, George
Halstead, James LaFayette
Hammond, John
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hansen, Carl Christian A.
Hatch, Augustus Timothy
Hatch, James Henry
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hawley, Charles Augustus
Highton, Henry Edward
Hildebrandt, Carsten
Hobe, Adolphus Augustus
Hoffman, Henry Nathaniel
Holden, Samuel Emery
Hopkins, Peter
Hopkins, Timothy
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howard, Charles Shelby
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Hurlbut, Reuben Preston
Jeffers, Milo Sydney
Jeffray, William
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin
Jenks, George Washington
Jennings, Charles Brooks
Jennings, James Hazelton
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, John Munroe
Jones, William Arthur
Jones, William Roderick
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Jost, Joseph
Jost, William Reinhard
Kenney, Augustus Reid
Kenyon, Curtis George
Kern, Morris James
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Charles James
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Knight, Edmund Ewell
Kohler, Henry
Kohlman, Solomon
Kohn, Isaack
Kreig, Anton
Lane, William Edmund
Lawson, Andrew
Lazelle, Henry Daniel
Levy, Isidore Nathan
Levy, Jacob
Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Lind, Charles
Litchfield, Joseph Miller
Lloyd, Reuben Hedley
Loane, Francis Marion
Logan, Milburne Hill
Logan, Thomas Emerson
Lo Presti, Anthony

Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lux, Frank Antoin
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lyon, William Henry
Mack, John George
Magnin, Simson
Martinez, Francis Nich. Raoul
McCarty, James
McClure, Stewart
McCreary, Daniel
McCullough, Henry Van Schaick
McFarland, Abel
McGann, Patrick Henry
McGeorge, William Connolly
McKay, Thomas
McLea, Arthur
McMath, Joseph
McMillan, Robert
McNab, James
Mecklenberg, Joseph
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Meigs, John *J*
Mentz, John Henry
Meston, Robert
Meyer, Julius
Mills, Edward Tyrrel Bisset
Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Moore, Arthur Weld
Moraghan, Michael Bolan
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, David
Morrow, William *W*
Morshead, John White
Mouser, Silas Mercer
Muller, John
Murdock, George Leonard
Nash, Charles
Neal, George Folger
Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Nixon, James Henry
Noonen, John
Norcross, Daniel

O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Osborn, Lamartine
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Parmelee, James Edward
Partridge, Charles
Peck, Philip
Peckham, William Henry
Phillips, William Rippard
Plummer, Cyrus Moody
Polastri, Richard Steven
Popham, James William
Prag, Martin
Price, Arthur Faraday
Price, Thomas
Prince, Henry Gilman
Ramage, Walter James
Redmond, Michael Francis
Ridgway, Frazier
Riley, John Francis
Robertson, William Alexander
Roskruge, George James
Ross, Donald
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Salsbury, Charles
Schmidt, Valentine
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Ebenezer
Seidel, Philipp
Sexton, Warren
Seymour, Simon Harry
Shattuck, Charles Curtis
Sheldon, George Edwin
Sibley, Levi Butler
Simpson, James
Slack, Charles William
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.
Smith, James Jerome
Smith, William Frederick
Smith, William Jacob
Soule, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, George
Spaulding, James Garfield

Spear, Gustavus Langford
Spear, Lewis Eugene
Speier, Bernard
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stark, William Alexander
Steiger, Charles Rudolph
Stern, Louis
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Swannack, Daniel
Swift, Samuel
Taber, Jacob Spooner
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thompson, George Howard
Thornton, Samuel Kennedy
Trainor, Louis Howard
Triest, Bernard
Troppman, Charles Martin
Tuohy, John
Vanderhurst, William
Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, James Greig
Warburton, Samuel
Warwick, James Blain
Weller, Henry Olp
Wells, Asa Reynolds
Wever, Lewis *J*
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
White, Jonathan Lloyd
White, Thomas Benton
Whittier, James Eugene
Wiley, George Adrian
Wilson, John McFarland
Winter, Washington General
Woodlock, John
Young, Shirley Trever
Young, William
Younger, William John—352.

EXCLUDED:

Burns, Henry Frederick
McAleer, Edward Charles
Reynolds, Frank Bailey—3.

DIED:

Brown, Frederick Joseph
Faull, William
Garratt, William Thompson
Keating, Michael James
Kunkler, John Ernest
McCord, James
Short, Peter—7

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	341	Excluded	3
Greeted	19	Died	7
Affiliated	2—362	Now borne upon the roll	352—362

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles *E* Stone, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Francis Wm. Howard Aaron, *Rec'rdr*,
Amasa Wiley White, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*,
William Flint Peacock, *C. of Guards*,
Samuel Josiah Smith Rogers, *P.C. W.*,
Alexander Cameron Irwin, *Conductor*,
Marcus Marcuse, *Treasurer*,
Simon Hochstadter, *Steward*.
Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Caldwell Belcher,
William Lee Lawrence,
Charles Raish,
Henry Holcombe Rhees,
Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Andrew Jackson Binney,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Edmund Taylor Wilkins,
Lemuel Trescott Crane.

SELECT MASTERS:

Asher, Alexander Branch
Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Barnes, Avery Power
Baxter, John
Belknap, F. G.
Brown, Josiah Perkins
Burchard, John Luther
Carpenter, George Washington
Clements, William Andrew
Crew, Alexander Hill
Deaner, Samuel Christian
Dobbins, Thomas
Duncan, John Lewis
Eastman, James Fred
Ellis, William Turner
Elwell, William
Fagan, Edward
Faulkner, Charles
Fimbreth, Arthur Francis
Fisher, Charles Lester
Goad, William Frank
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Haynes, James
Hunter, William
Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Kernan, Thomas Hugh
Knight, David Edgar
Krause, Frederick Low
Leining, John Henry
Logan, Anderson Dabney
Miller, Alexander
Molineux, Henry
Morgan, Emanuel Briggs
McFarlane, James Clark
McLellan, John George
Peacock, James Richard
Patterson, George
Peck, William Francis
Roberts, John Henry
Rideout, Norman Dunning
Reece, Thomas White
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Saye, George Marion
Schuler, Conrad
Seely, John Ambrose
Slingsby, William
Spencer, Stephen
Stokes, William Charles
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Vanderwarker, Abner *K*
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Woodworth, Homer Allen
—74.

DIED:

Bockius, Charles George—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....75	Died 1
	Now borne upon the roll .....74—75

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Edwin Aldrich Rodgers, *Th. Ill. Mas.*, William Gustav Rudorff, *Recorder*,
Frank Wilson Street, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*, James Edgar Requa, *C. of the Guard*,
Charles Edward Lang, *P. C. of Wks.*, Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
Eduard Keil, *Treasurer*, George Carroll Bush, *Steward*,
Samuel Leon, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Alvin Bacon Preston, Gideon Wing,
Stephen Wing, Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,
Charles Edward Lang, James Bell.

SELECT MASTERS:

Bacon, Martin
Bradford, William
Calhoun, Henry Clay
Carter, John Beach
Hampton, Joseph Moore
Harris, Charles Parsons
Johnson, Andrew Potter
Long, William Giles
Means, Andrew Jackson
Mitchell, Frederick Francis
Parsons, Edmond
Phelps, Thomas Lawrence
Rooney, John Francis
—26.

WITHDRAWN:

Klein, Peter
Yancy, Tryon Milton—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....28
Withdrawn 2
Now borne upon the roll...26—28

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Mortimer Cherb'y Allen, *Th. Ill. M.*, Daniel Potter Bystle, *Recorder*,
Albert Frederick Ross, *Dep. Ill. M.*, John Sale Strode, *C. of the Guard*,
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*, Gunther F. C. Schroter, *Conductor*,
John Varner Scott, *Treasurer*, Morris Mehon, *Steward*,
Ulysses Richard Lord, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle, William Ely Hopping,
Adolph Dobrowsky, Mortimer Cherberry Allen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Anderson, Charles
Andrews, Alexander Robertson
Andrew, William
Black, Peter Peterson
Blossom, Robert Hurd
Bratten, John Michael
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus
Cahoon, William Brower
Chase, Guy Horatio
Clements, John
Crawford, Isaac Samuel
Cushing, John
Duhig, Louis James
Esseck, Belty
Given, William Cushing
Greene, Thomas
Griggs, Sidney Allen
Guptill, William Neal
Hall, Joseph *N*
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Kingsley, George Leeman
Lee, Bruce Benjamin
Lowden, William Spencer
Majors, John Newton
Martin, Rufus Franklin
McCoy, Leo Lewis
Miller, Thomas Love
Mitchell, Marshall Alexander
Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Nethercott, Robert
Nichols, James Levin
Overmeyer, Charles Edward
Paulson, Jacob
Reynolds, John Edward
Ross, Herman Frederick
Rowles, James
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Shearin, Daniel Thomas
Smith, Champion *W*
Souter, John
Sweeny, Edward
Syme, John
Taggart, Grant Israel
Taylor, Clay Webster
Tyler, Jonathan Cooper
Weil, David
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses
—60.

WITHDRAWN:

Carr, James E.—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Sweet, Henry Andrew
Wellendorff, Louis—2.

DIED:

Taylor, Holloway—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	57	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	7—64	Suspended for non-pay't dues	2
		Died	1
		Now borne upon the roll	60—64

HELENA COUNCIL, NO. 9.

Helena, Montana Territory.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Booker, *Recorder*,
William McClatchy, *Dep. Ill. Master*, James W. Hathaway, *Capt. of Guard*,
William Dulin Smith, *P. C. of Works*, Henry H. Guthrie, *Conductor*,
Theodore H. Kleinschmidt, *Treas'r*, Michael Reinig, *Steward*,
Henry Cowden, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornelius Hedges,
Walter E. Frederick,
John C. Major
James W. Hathaway,
Harry R. Comley,
William McClatchy,
Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Atchison, Jehu Baker
Bullard, William Reed
Cook, Andrew B.
Easterly, Allen M.
Evans, Henry D.
Fisk, Andrew J.
Folk, Benjamin W. S.
Fox, Jonathan N.
Greenhood, Isaac
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Jones, Louis L.
Jury, William
Kennon, Richard T.
Kirkendall, Hugh
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Knight, Edward W.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McCann, William H.
McKnight, Albert G.
Murphy, John
Neill, Edward D., Jr.
Reed, Henry S.
Reese, Hugh
Robinson, Jeremiah
Schwab, Samuel
Scheuer, Frederick V.
Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Walker, Jacob Longacre
Weisenhorn, August
Whitworth, Alfred
Wood, George R.
Wulff, Iver

—50.

WITHDRAWN:

Singer, James C.—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Smith, Louis N.—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	43	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	9—52	Suspended for non-pay't dues	1
		Now borne upon the roll	50—52

STOCKTON COUNCIL, NO 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Richards Hedges, *T. Ill. M.*, John Milton La Rue, *Recorder*,
Geo. Alexander McKenzie, *D. Ill. M.*, Henry Ephraim Robbins, *C. of Guard*,
Winfield Webster Prugh, *P. C. Works*, John Yardley, *Conductor*,
William Graham, *Treasurer*, Archibald Leitch, *Steward*,
Philip Thomas Brown, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies, Edward Richards Hedges,
Isaac Sutvene Titus, Alexander Chalmers.

SELECT MASTERS:

Abernethy, William Alexander
Bachmann, Carl August
Barber, Joseph Martin
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Batchelder, Benjamin Pierce
Caine, John
Castle, Christopher Columbus
Cavis, Joseph Mills
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Craig, Howard Milton
Cunningham, Thomas
Dalby, Samuel Price
Dorrance, Henry Tully
Dorsey, Caleb
Elliott, Lyman Weston
Fanning, Howard Malcolm
Fortune, James Pulaski
Fraser, Philip Barry
Garwood, John
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Harrison, Norval
Harrison, William Bruce
Haslacher, Jacob
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Hurd, Columbus
Kahn, Louis
Kerr, Benjamin Eddie
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Kirkland, William
Langridge, George Washington
Lehe, Eugene
Lothrop, Isaac
McGuffick, William
McKinnon, Angus
Milco, Nicola
Moore, Stephen Baldy
Noble, Arthur Morgan
O'Brien, John Henry
Payne, George Albert
Peters, Joseph Daphine
Reid, Robert King
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Andrew Joseph
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Russell, Richard William
Scott, Edward
Shaw, Henry Coffin
Sherman, Edwin Brown
Shurtleff, George Augustus
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Stone, William Henry
Swain, Cornelius
Tilghman, George
Waterman, Solomon
Woods, John Newton

—71.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report—71. Now borne upon the roll—71.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, NO. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

August Wackerbarth, *Th. Ill. Master*, **Richard Thomas Mullard,** *Recorder*,
John Condit Haskell, *D. Ill. Master*, **Wm. Hutchinson Henderson,** *C. of G.*,
Patrick Augustine McKanna, *P.C. W.*, **William Thomas Jeffries,** *Conductor*,
Henry Sayre Orme, *Treasurer*, **Ambrogio Vignolo,** *Steward*,
John McIlmoil, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme,
Horatio Sutton Parcels,
Julius Brousseau,
Norton Filmore Story,
George Crockett Knox,
August Wackerbarth.

SELECT MASTERS:

Allen, Gabriel
Alexander, Henry Nash
Bell, James Edgar Stevenson
Bernstein, Jacob Alfred
Bicknell, John Dustin
Biscailuz, Martin Vincent
Branch, James Franklin
Bright, Joseph Shannon
Brodtbeck, Otto
Brooks, Daniel William
Bullis, Omri
Burbank, David
Burr, William Orange
Bush, Charles Wilson
Campbell, John Mis
Clemens, Andrew
Craigue, Solon William
Crawford, James Seth
Cummings, William George
Dearing, Octavus *A*
Denker, Andrew Henry
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry
Fisher, Charles Locke
Freeman, Edwin Herbert
Hammel, Henry
Hamilton, Albert Newell
Heartt, Charles Lawrence
Hewitt, Eldridge Edward
Hinds, George
Hunt, James Shelley
Iaeger, Louis John Frederick
Illich, Gerolomo
Jacobs, Lewis
Jewett, Stanley Punchardon
Jordon, Franklin
Knickerbocker, Niles
Lambie, William Thomas
Lazzarevich, Giovanni
Leake, Edward
Levy, Michael
McManis, John Rodman
Meyer, Samuel
Miles, David Edwin
Morgan, William Adams
Munro, David
Murray, John Emmett
Philips, William Spiller
Polaski, Lewis
Reiser, Theodore
Reynolds, John Jefferson
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Santee, Milton
Skinner, John Maxwell
Smith, Henry Augustus
Smith, Ira Bacon

Spence, Edward Fallis
Strohm, Thomas
Sutherland, David Munroe
Valiant, George Francis
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Whitson, Levi Henry
Wiggins, Wilson Robert
Williams, Romayne
Wilson, Thomas Jonathan
Woodbury, Francis Chute—83.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....82 Now borne upon the roll .....83.
Greeted ..... 1—83

OAKLAND COUNCIL, NO. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edwin Allen Sherman, *T. I. Master*, John Wm. McClymonds, *Recorder*,
Eugene Cormeny, *D. Ill. Master*, Newton Alex. Koser, *Capt. of Guard*,
William Clay Smith, *Prin. Con. Works*, William Henry Craig, *Conductor*,
William Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*, Brayton Everington Handy, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett,
James Bestor Merritt,
William Frank Pierce,
Edward Harrison Morgan,
George Joshua Woodruff,
Webb Nicholson Pearce.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ames, George Spencer
Beeby, Robert John
Bice, John
Blood, William Frank
Bradley, John Tilford
Brown, Lewis Henry
Buckman, Edmund Hinckley
Burnham, Charles Franklin
Cary, Amzi *B*
Claussen, Henry
Corse, John
Cutter, Chester Guild
Dalton, Henry Philip
Davis, Charles William
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Dorwin, George Wadsworth
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Du Bois, Sumner Victor
Evers, John Henry
French, Robert Elsworth
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor
Goodman, George
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hale, William Elmer
Hamilton, William Thomas
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Hersey, Edgar Amos
Hewes, Charles Wesley
Kendall, Alpheus
Lamoureaux, Philias Henry
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Manzy, Byron
Meade, Calvert
Meek, Horry Wert

Meek, William
Metcalf, George Dickson
Michaels, Henry
Miller, James
Morris, Moses
Parsons, Thomas *T*
Patterson, Edward Mortimer
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Perkins, Alfred Thomas
Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil
Plunkett, James California
Redding, Albert Putnam
Sears, Herman *B*
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Stone, Andrew *L*
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Troy, John Henry
Wall, Joseph George
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Wheeler, Osgood Church
Whitney, George Edwin
Winchester, Ebenezer
Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablonsky, John
—78.

WITHDRAWN:

Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Thomas, William Robert—2.

DIED:

Zimmerman, John *A*

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	72	Withdrawn	2
Greeted	9—81	Died	1
		Now borne upon the roll	78—81

LIST OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1890.

	Names of Councils.	No. Council.	Place of Location.		Date when Charter was ordered.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspend'd for non. pay. Dues	Suspend'd for Unmas. Cond	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
			Town.	County.												
1	Sacramento. . .	1	Sacramento, . .	Sacramento, . .	June 27, 1860.	25	. . .	1	. . .	. . .	4	. . .	. . .	6	221	$135 50
2	California	2	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	" " "	19	2	. . .	. . .	3	. . .	. . .	. . .	7	352	195 00
3	Marysville . . .	3	Marysville, ...	Yuba	" " "	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	74	37 00
*	Sierra Nevada	4	Placerville, ...	El Dorado, . . .	" " "	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
4	Sonora	5	Sonora, ...	Tuolumne, ...	May 8, 1861.	. . . .	. . . .	2	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	26	13 00
5	Shasta	6	Shasta, ...	Shasta, ...	May 7, 1862.	7	. . . .	1	. . .	2	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	60	37 00
*	Virginia	7	Virginia City,	Nevada State, .	Oct. 18, 1865.	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
*	Yreka	8	Yreka, ...	Siskiyou, ...	Oct. 22, 1868.	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
6	Helena	9	Helena, ...	Montana Ter.,	" " "	9	. . .	. . .	1	. . .	1	. . .	. . .	. . . .	50	34 00
7	Stockton	10	Stockton, ...	San Joaquin, .	April 7, 1870.	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	71	35 50
8	Los Angeles . .	11	Los Angeles, . .	Los Angeles, . .	April 13, 1871.	1	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	83	42 50
9	Oakland	12	Oakland, ...	Alameda, ...	April 12, 1883.	9	. . .	. . .	2	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	78	48 00
	Totals . . .					70	2	1	6	3	7			16	1015	$577 50

*Charter surrenderd.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Connecticut	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
Illinois	Stephen Wing	San Francisco.
Indiana	David Pugh Marshall	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	William Edward Oughton	Sacramento.
Nebraska	William Caldwell Belcher	Marysville.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Ohio	Cornelius Kellogg	Sacramento.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	Adolphus Hollub	San Francisco.
Rhode Island	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	Marcus L. Bell	Pine Bluff.
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Millersburg.
Louisiana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Eugene H. Richards	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	W. A. Spaulding	Minneapolis.
Nebraska	Edwin A. Allen	North Loup.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	Thomas H. Gliddon	Rochester.
Ohio	Arthur P. Crane	Toledo.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	George Laing	Pittsburgh.
Rhode Island	Robert S. Franklin	Newport.
South Carolina	John R. Allen	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.

GRAND COUNCILS

IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

With Addresses of Grand Recorders.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
ARKANSAS,	JAMES A. HENRY,	Little Rock.
CANADA,	J. ROSS ROBERTSON,	55 King St. West, Toronto.
CONNECTICUT,	JOSEPH K. WHEELER,	Hartford.
ENGLAND AND WALES,	C. F. MATIER,	8A Red Lion Square, London, W. C.
FLORIDA,	JOHN CARLOVITZ,	Milton.
GEORGIA,	ANDREW M. WOLIHIN,	Albany.
ILLINOIS,	GIL. W. BARNARD,	Chicago.
INDIANA,	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE,	Indianapolis.
KANSAS,	JOHN H. BROWN,	Wyandotte.
KENTUCKY,	L. D. CRONINGER,	Covington.
LOUISIANA,	RICHARD LAMBERT,	New Orleans.
MAINE,	IRA BERRY,	Portland.
MARYLAND,	GEORGE L. MCCAHAN,	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,	ALFRED F. CHAPMAN,	Boston.
MICHIGAN,	GARRA B. NOBLE,	Detroit.
MINNESOTA,	W. A. SPAULDING,	Minneapolis.
MISSISSIPPI,	J. L. POWER,	Jackson.
MISSOURI,	WILLIAM H. MAYO,	St. Louis.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	GEORGE P. CLEAVES,	Concord.
NEW JERSEY,	CHARLES BECHTEL,	Trenton.
NEW YORK,	GEORGE VAN VLIET,	Cor. West & Bethune Sts., New York City.
NORTH CAROLINA,	DONALD W. BAIN,	Raleigh.
OHIO,	JOHN D. CALDWELL,	Cincinnati.
OREGON,	CHARLES W. TALMADGE,	McMinnville.
PENNSYLVANIA,	CHARLES E. MEYER,	Philadelphia.
RHODE ISLAND,	WILLIAM R. GREENE,	Providence.
SCOTLAND,	ROBERT S. BROWN,	5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.
SOUTH CAROLINA,	ZIMMERMAN DAVIS,	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,	BENJAMIN F. HALLER,	Memphis.
VERMONT,	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,	Burlington.
WISCONSIN,	JOHN W. LAFLIN,	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. COUNCIL U. S.,	HENRY W. MORDHURST,	Fort Wayne, Ind.

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council, June 26, A.Dep. 2860.

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Grand Master;*
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Master;*
ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN ASHBY TUTT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ...*Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Master;*
ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1868.

*Joseph Isaacs,.....Grand Master;
Frederick Ferdinand Barss,.....Deputy Grand Master;
William Franklin Knox,.....Grand Illustrious Master;
Stephen Wing,.....Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.

1870.

Frederick Ferdinand Barss,.....Grand Master;
Stephen Wing,.....Deputy Grand Master;
*Leonard Goss,.....Grand Illustrious Master;
Thomas Kyle,.....Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.

1871.

Stephen Wing,.....Grand Master;
Thomas Kyle,.....Deputy Grand Master;
William Thomas Reynolds,.....Grand Illustrious Master,
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.

1872.

Thomas Kyle,.....Grand Master;
William Thomas Reynolds,.....Deputy Grand Master;
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....Grand Illustrious Master;
Henry Sayre Orme,.....Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.

1873.

William Thomas Reynolds,.....Grand Master;
Powell Samuel Lawson,.....Deputy Grand Master;
Henry Sayre Orme,.....Grand Illustrious Master;
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.

1874.

Powell Samuel Lawson,.....Grand Master;
Henry Sayre Orme,.....Deputy Grand Master,
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....Grand Illustrious Master;
Edmund Taylor Wilkins,.....Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.

1875.

Henry Sayre Orme,.....Grand Master,
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....Deputy Grand Master;
William Monroe Petrie,.....Grand Illustrious Master,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....Grand Prin. Con. of the Works

1876.

Henry Sayre Orme,.....Grand Master;
*George Tuttle Grimes,.....Deputy Grand Master;
William Monroe Petrie,.....Grand Illustrious Master,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.

1877.

*George Tuttle Grimes,.....Grand Master;
William Monroe Petrie,.....Deputy Grand Master,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,.....Grand Illustrious Master,
Edward Richards Hedges,.....Grand Prin. Con.

*Deceased.

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, . .. *Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Master;*
GEO[illegible]XANDER MCK[illegible] .. *Deputy Grand Master*
FR[illegible]NRY DAY, *Grand Illustrious Master,*
R[illegible] *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works*

O[illegible] *Grand Master,*
[illegible] *Deputy Grand Master,*
[illegible] *Grand Illustrious Master,*
[illegible] *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works*

[illegible] *Grand Master,*
[illegible] *Deputy Grand Master,*
[illegible] *Grand Illustrious Master,*
[illegible] *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works*

[illegible] *Master,*
[illegible] *Grand Master,*
[illegible] *Illustrious Master,*
[illegible] *Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

Spence, Edward Fallis
Strohm, Thomas
Sutherland, David Munroe
Valiant, George Francis
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Whitson, Levi Henry
Wiggins, Wilson Robert
Williams, Romayne
Wilson, Thomas Jonathan
Woodbury, Francis Chute—83.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....82 Now borne upon the roll .....83.
Greeted ..... 1—83

OAKLAND COUNCIL, NO. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS :

Edwin Allen Sherman, *T. I. Master*, John Wm. McClymonds, *Recorder*,
Eugene Cormeny, *D. Ill. Master*, Newton Alex. Koser, *Capt. of Guard*,
William Clay Smith, *Prin. Con. Works*, William Henry Craig, *Conductor*,
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Beeby, Robert John
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Brown, Lewis Henry
Buckman, Edmund Hinckley
Burnham, Charles Franklin
Cary, Amzi *B*
Claussen, Henry
Corse, John
Cutter, Chester Guild
Dalton, Henry Philip
Davis, Charles William
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Dorwin, George Wadsworth
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Du Bois, Sumner Victor
Evers, John Henry
French, Robert Elsworth
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor
Goodman, George
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hale, William Elmer
Hamilton, William Thomas
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Hersey, Edgar Amos
Hewes, Charles Wesley
Kendall, Alpheus
Lamoureaux, Philias Henry
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Mauzy, Byron
Meade, Calvert
Meek, Horry Wert

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER:

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,

OAKLAND.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,

SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.

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THOS. H. CASWELL,

Grand Recorder.

LIST OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1890.

	Names of Councils.	No. Council.	Place of Location.		Date when Charter was Ordered.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspend'd for non. pay. Dues	Suspend'd for Unmas. Cond	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
			Town.	County.												
1	Sacramento. . .	1	Sacramento, . .	Sacramento, . .	June 27, 1860.	25	. . .	1	. . .	. . .	4	. . .	. . .	6	221	$135 50
2	California. . . .	2	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	" " "	19	2	. . .	. . .	3	. . .	. . .	. . .	7	352	195 00
3	Marysville. . .	3	Marysville, ...	Yuba.	" " "	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	74	37 00
*	Sierra Nevada	4	Placerville, ...	El Dorado, . . .	" " "	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
4	Sonora.	5	Sonora, ...	Tuolumne, ...	May 8, 1861.	. . . .	. . .	. . .	2	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	26	13 00
5	Shasta	6	Shasta, ...	Shasta, ...	May 7, 1862.	7	. . . .	. . .	1	. . .	2	. . .	. . .	1	60	37 00
*	Virginia	7	Virginia City,	Nevada State, .	Oct. 18, 1865.	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
*	Yreka.	8	Yreka, ...	Siskiyou, ...	Oct. 22, 1868.	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
6	Helena.	9	Helena, ...	Montana Ter.,	" " "	9	. . . .	. . .	1	. . .	1	. . .	. . .	. . . .	50	34 00
7	Stockton	10	Stockton, ...	San Joaquin, .	April 7, 1870.	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	71	35 50
8	Los Angeles. .	11	Los Angeles, . .	Los Angeles, . .	April 13, 1871.	1	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	83	42 50
9	Oakland	12	Oakland, ...	Alameda, ...	April 12, 1883.	9	. . .	. . .	2	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	78	48 00
	Totals. . .					70	2	1	6	3	7			16	1015	$577 50

*Charter surrendered.

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.·. I.·. GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT ITS

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

HELD AT THE

MASONIC TEMPLE, IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

ON

MONDAY, APRIL 20, A. D. 1891, A. DEP. 2891.

SAN FRANCISCO:
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1891.

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GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE

Year Commencing April, A. D. 1891, A. Dep. 2891.

M.·. I.·. **WILLIAM F. PIERCE,** .. GRAND MASTER, ... *Oakland;*

R.·. I.·. **DAVID P. MARSHALL,** . DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, . *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. **GEO. PENLINGTON,** . { GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS, } *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. **FRANKLIN H. DAY,** .... GRAND TREASURER, ... *San Francisco;*

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R.·. I.·. **THOS. KYLE,** ..... GRAND CHAPLAIN, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. **CHAS. E. GILLETT,** .. { GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS. } *Oakland;*

R.·. I.·. **WM. HEWSON DAVIS,** { GRAND CONDUCTOR OF COUNCIL. } *Sacramento;*

R.·. I.·. **CHARLES L. FIELD,** ... GRAND LECTURER, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. **HENRY ASCROFT,** ..... GRAND STEWARD, ... *San Francisco;*

Ill.·. **SAMUEL D. MAYER,** ... GRAND ORGANIST, ... *San Francisco;*

Ill.·. **JAMES OGLESBY,** ..... GRAND SENTINEL, ... *San Francisco.*

GRAND COUNCIL

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ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

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Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS :

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, . . . *Grand Master;*
" *R.·. I.·.* DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, . . . *Deputy Grand Master;*
" *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*
" *R.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Treasurer;*
" *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, *Grand Recorder;*
" *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, *as Grand Chaplain;*
" *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, . *Grand Captain of the Guards;*
" *R.·. I.·.* ——————————, . . *Grand Conductor of Council;*
" *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Lecturer;*
" *R.·. E.·.* WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS . . . *Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, ... *Grand Organist;*
" *Ill.·.* JAMES OGLESBY, ... *Grand Sentinel;*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS :

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Past Grand Master;*
" *M.·. I.·.* STEPHEN WING, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON . . . . . " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... " " "

1868.

*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
STEPHEN WING,..... ....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Master;*
STEPHEN WING,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*LEONARD GOSS, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ...*Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,. .....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ...*Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
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1882.

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FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
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ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

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FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

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JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,..... *Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,..... .....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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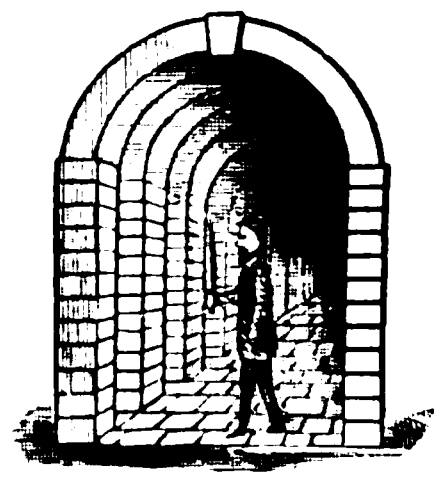

FOR THE YEAR 1891.

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" *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, *Grand Recorder;*
" *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, *as Grand Chaplain;*
" *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, . *Grand Captain of the Guards;*
" *R.·. I.·.* ——————————, . . *Grand Conductor of Council;*
" *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Lecturer;*
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" *M.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE, ... " " "
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" *M.·. I.·.* DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... " " "

And the Representatives of five chartered Councils, with several Past Thrice Illustrious Masters by service under this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being a sufficient representation present, the Grand Council of California was opened in Ample Form, with music by the choir.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee:—

On Credentials:..... { Comp. Thomas Kyle, " Eugene Cormeny, " Edwin Allen Sherman.

After a short recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of Chartered Councils, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, as being present and entitled to seats, viz:—

Sacramento,..No. 1,..	WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,	Past Th. Ill. Master, and prox. for Th. Ill. Master;
	POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, JOHN HURLEY.	P. Th. Ill. Masters.
California,....No. 2,..	HENRY ASCROFT,	Deputy Ill. Master,
	THOMAS KYLE, FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, CHARLES LORD FIELD, DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, GEORGE PENLINGTON.	P. Th. Ill. Masters.
Marysville,...No. 3,.....CHARLES E. STONE,		Th. Ill. Master & P. Th. Ill. M.
Sonora,.....No. 5,.....STEPHEN WING,		P. Th. Ill. Master.
Shasta,....No, 6,.....	MORRIS MEHON,	Prox. for Dep. Ill. Master & Pr. Con. of Works.
	DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,	P. Th. Ill. Master.
Stockton,...No. 10,...WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,		P. Th. Ill. Master.
Oakland,..No. 12,....	EUGENE CORMENY,	Thrice Ill. Master,
	CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,	P. Th. Ill. Masters,

Which report was concurred in, and the Companions named therein were admitted to seats.

The reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following regular committees:

On Jurisprudence:

Comp. Charles E. Stone,
" William Monroe Petrie,
" Daniel Potter Bystle.

On Appeals and Grievances:

Comp. Jacob Hart Neff,
" Charles Edwin Gillett,
" Thomas Kyle.

On Finances and Returns:

Comp. George Penlington,
" Henry Ascroft,
" William Hewson Davis.

The Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:—

The procession of the days, weeks and months of another Masonic year has passed in review before us, and time has again unlocked the doors of our Grand Secret Vault and we again enter herein to give an account of our stewardship to the faithful, industrious Giblemites who have labored long and faithful, while there has been found no sentinel sleeping at his post. The long subterranean corridor, with its nine arches, has, with smothered echoes, reverberated with the sounds of our trowels, and the occasional clinking of the swords of the vigilant have given assurance of the progression of the work and the security of the entrance by the door that leadeth thereto.

With grateful hearts we bow in adoration to the Supreme Grand Master who presideth in the Great Secret Vault above, and who hath with His providential hand guided us safely through the mystic labyrinth of the unseen before us; and by the Lamp of His Truth, has permitted us to work out another year of our destiny, with *Faith* to strenthen, *Hope* to encourage, and the mantle of *Charity* to keep us warm and guard against the cold dampness of error which might enter the archways and be hurtful if not fatal to the workmen.

Since our last Annual Assembly we have lost by death three Past Grand Masters. Most illustrious ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON and ALVIN BACON PRESTON; also *Th.·. Ill.·.* EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS, Past Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, Rev. and *Ill.·.* Companion OSGOOD CHURCH WHEELER, Past Grand Chaplain, and *Th.·. Ill.·.* MORTIMER CHERBURY ALLEN, *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master of *Shasta* Council, No. 6.

I mention these in the order of the dates of their deaths.

M.·. Ill.·. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB was the first Grand Illustrious Master of this Grand Council, at the time of its organization, June 26th, 1860. In 1861, he was installed Deputy Grand Master, and in 1862, Grand Master of this Grand Council. He was a true Mason, and his whole life was an exemplification of the grand principles inculcated in the teachings of Free Masonry. As a Brother, Master and Companion, he was the embodiment of kindness blended with dignity, and his gentlemanly deportment was always attractive in fraternal intercourse with his Brethren and Companions. He was called from labor to refreshment on May 25th, 1890, and on the 28th of that month his funeral obsequies were held in King Solomon's Hall in this Temple, at which there was a large attendance of mourning relatives, friends, and Brethren of the Craft, to do honor to his memory.

On May 30th, 1890, the second who has been stricken by the shaft of that unerring archer who stands in the pathway of every man that lives, was our beloved and faithful Companion, WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON (my immediate predecessor), whose tender words at the close of his annual address (read by our Grand Recorder), linger still in our ears like the notes of the dying swan in its death song, and which we lovingly quote:

"May we so order our lives under the guidance of the pure principles of our beloved Fraternity, that when we have completed our earthly course and reached the goal of the mortal, our Brothers may say of us as we say to-day of our honored dead:

"Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won,
Now comes rest."

On September 8th, 1890, our *Ill.·.* Companion ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ceased to labor in the ninth arch, laying aside his sword and trowel, to enter that Grand Celestial Sacred Vault above, where the eternal lights of Heaven forever shine, and whose maker and builder is GOD. *Ill.·.* Companion Preston was elected and installed as Grand Principal Conductor of the Works of this Grand Council in 1865, Deputy Grand Master in 1866, and Grand Master in 1867, and his labors in Free Masonry in Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, and Consistory, both Grand and Subordinate, adorn the history of Masonic work of forty years and more, performed in this our "Golden State of California." He was a faithful worker, a loving Brother, an affectionate Companion, a courteous Knight, a dignified Master, and a polished gentleman, which constitutes the true Free Mason. Peace to his ashes, and love for his memory.

On September 8th, 1890, our *Ill.·.* Companion DR. EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS, took his departure from our earthly Secret Vault, to penetrate that other mysterious archway that rears its dim form in the land beyond the dark river, whose mists obscure that grander Temple, made luminous by the glory which envelopes the Arcana, that conceals the secrets of the

future destiny of the human soul, "in that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

Companion WILKINS was elected and installed Grand Principal Conductor of the Works of this Grand Council in 1874. As a Mason, he was up to the highest standard of morality, integrity, urbanity and worth. His duties as a brother, Companion, knight and officer were always faithfully performed with conscientious and scrupulous fidelity. As a gentleman he had no superior; as a surgeon and physician he occupied the front rank in his profession, and as a State officer, in the line of his duty, there was never the least murmur or complaint. It was his particular mission to be charged with the duty of curing diseased minds, and restoring to mental health those who had unfortunately been bereft of their reason. He died at his post as Superintendent of the State Insane Asylum at Napa, over which he had long presided, but having absorbed in part the mental affliction of more than a thousand patients at a time, and for many years, his physical frame became exhausted, and his worn spirit took its flight to that other asylum to find its certain cure and sweet repose.

Illustrious Companion MORTIMER CHERBURY ALLEN, *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master of *Shasta* Council, No. 6, died in office at his home January 19th, 1891. He had been Master of his Lodge and High Priest of his Chapter. He was ever modest, faithful, industrious, and a most indefatigable worker. He passed away full of years and honors, and has left the marks of his handicraft and skill, indelibly cut and engraved on ashlar, arch and keystone, in the Cryptic work of that Council, at the base and beneath the shadow of that lofty mountain, pure and chaste with its altar cloth of snow, spread over it by Him who directs the storms, its top "eternal in the heavens," from which that Council takes its name, and is our Companion's everlasting monument, to point the way of the departing soul that seeks its rest in the bosom of the Infinite.

On the 16th of the present month (April, 1891), our Reverend and Illustrious Companion, OSGOOD CHURCH WHEELER, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, of this Grand Council, and Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of California, was called to receive the rewards of his earthly toils and labors. He had been Master of *Tehama* Lodge, No. 3, at Sacramento, and Commander of *Oakland* Commandery No. 11, of Knights Templar at Oakland, in this State, and at the time of his decease he was the Chaplain of the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast, as well as of the National Guard of California. On yesterday, the Forty-first Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of California, all that was mortal of our late Reverend and Illustrious Companion, OSGOOD CHURCH WHEELER, received the mournful tributes of his Brethren and Companions of our beloved Fraternity, the Societies of California Pioneers, and *Oakland* Commandery, No. 11, of Knights Templar, which latter performed its funeral rites over their deceased Past Commander in the Masonic Temple at Oakland, which was crowded to its fullest capacity by those who had come to do honor to

the memory of the Pioneer Preacher of the Gospel, Mason, Brother, Companion and Knight, who for more than forty-two years had labored among us on *this* "Golden Shore," and whose tired spirit passed through the "Golden Gate" that leads to eternal rest and bliss beyond; and all that was mortal of him now sleeps in "God's Acre," in the valley of the Sacramento, by that stream which flows from Shasta's breast, and pours its golden current into the restless bosom of the boundless sea, in which the God of Day sinks at eve beneath its wrinkled surface.

To add to the list of our noble and beloved dead of our own Grand Council, from other crypts, might seem to borrow mourning; and to hold out our chalice to catch the tears which fall from other eyes, be unseemly, and out of place; but I cannot forbear to mention one whose name for nearly forty years has been connected with California Masonry in Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery, and Grand Consistory, who was the Nestor of the Fraternity in this State, and chief among his peers —our Ill. Companion ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, who for nearly thirty-six years was the efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of California. As was said of CHRISTOPHER WREN upon the tablet erected to his memory in St. Paul's Cathedral in London, of which he was the architect: "*Si monumentum requiris circumspice.*" If you desire to see his monument, look around.

The last and greatest of all our Illustrious Companions throughout the world, on the second day of the present month, found an open door and entrance through heaven's high archways, into that supernal Celestial Secret Vault where the Supreme Grand Architect and Master of the Universe, forever presides. A giant physically and intellectually, a matchless scholar in Masonic lore, in Masonic history, symbolism, and philosophy, without a peer among all the millions of the Craft "whithersoever dispersed around the globe." He explored the hidden mines of the ancients, which had been concealed and covered for ages in the past, and brought forth the gems and jewels, which had been locked up in the buried caskets of the ancient Masonic philosophers, whose very names and history are lost, and with the patience of the lapidary, repolished the rubies and diamonds he had found in his explorations, and then with lavish hands, full of jewels and treasures thus gathered, flung them like scattered seed-corn among the workmen. The name of this Most Illustrious Companion has been made immortal, and for all time, and throughout eternity the name of ALBERT PIKE, in letters of burning light, will be read among the stars.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And, departing, leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time.

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again."

OFFICIAL VISITS.

During the past year, I have visited all the Councils within our jurisdiction (including that of *Helena*, No. 9, at Helena, Montana), with the exception of *Sonora* Council, No. 5, at Sonora, in this State.

Heretofore it was the custom of my able predecessors to show their proficiency in the exemplification of the work, while the officers and members of the Councils looked on and were mere observers and listeners. The natural results were, in our judgment, that as soon as the instructors and exemplifiers took their leave, their work went with them and the Councils relapsed into their old ruts, and affairs went on as before. It has been the aim of the Grand Master to change this order of things somewhat, by causing the Councils themselves to exemplify the work, and then when mistakes or faults in the ritual occurred, to correct them at once; and in this manner to bring the Councils up to a proper standard of proficiency, as the ritual and regulations require. I am pleased to say that this method has been productive of a higher and more satisfactory improvement of the Councils, and rendered them more efficient in the advancement of the interests of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, than I had reason to expect or hope.

In my official visitations, I have been most cordially received and fraternally entertained by the officers and companions of all the Councils visited throughout the jurisdiction, which will be always cherished with grateful remembrance for the courtesies extended to me.

I did not visit *Sonora* Council, No. 5, for the reason that it has not actually met for work for years, and the companions being desirous of surrendering their Charter, on account of a lack of material to sustain it. I have not been willing to receive the surrender of the Charter, but would recommend that the Council be removed to some more flourishing and active town, where with the constant increase of the population, a large percentage being Masonic, its future growth and prosperity would be assured.

DISPENSATIONS.

On January 26th last, I granted a dispensation to *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, to elect and install its officers, for the reason that it was not able to hold the meeting at the time prescribed by our Constitutions.

DECISIONS.

On June 24th, 1890, a communication was received by *Ill.·.* Companion and Grand Recorder, THOMAS H. CASWELL, from Companion WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master of *Sacramento* Council, No. 1, as follows:—

"COMPANION:—Will you please put me right on a matter that has come up before my Council, and of which there seems to be a great diversity of opinion among *those who ought to know?*

"A visiting Companion from Texas, desires to visit *Sacramento* Council, No. 1, R. & S. M., next stated assembly (June 31st). He states that he

received the Council degrees in a Chapter in Texas. They have no separate Councils there, and as a consequence, brings no credentials with him. He has visited *Sacramento* Chapter No. 2, R. A. M. Would it be constitutional to allow him to be examined? If *Ill.·.* Grand Master PIERCE has returned from Santa Cruz Mountains, please get his opinion.

"Fraternally yours,

"WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, *T.·. I.·. M.·.*"

To this communication, with my approval, our Grand Recorder CASWELL, sent the following decision:—

"Yours of the 24th received. The Companion referred to by you, *though most deserving* as a man and a Mason, cannot be recognized in our Councils of R. and S. M., nor as a Mason of that degree, for the reason, that the Gen. Grand Council of which we are a constituent, expressly *prohibits* the recognition of Chapter-made Royal and Select Masters; and our own Grand Council so decided, long before the Gen. Grand Council was organized. He, therefore, not being in the *lawful* possession of the Council degrees, is not entitled to visit your Council.

"If he is a resident of your city, and can prove himself a R. and S. M., you might then heal, and in that way legitimize him. If he is a sojourner only, he is not entitled to anything.

"If Texas had regularly organized Councils, he would, of course, be all right. But, unfortunately for the Companion, Texas, so far as Cryptic Masonry is concerned, is out in the cold, and unrecognized. As a Royal Arch Mason he is all right, and is entitled to visit and to recognition in Chapters. Fraternally yours,

"THOS. H. CASWELL,

"*Grand Recorder.*"

CONDITION OF THE RITE.

From *M.·. P.·.* GEO. W. COOLEY, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, I have learned the gratifying intelligence that the Cryptic Rite is in a prosperous and progressive condition throughout the National Jurisdiction, which is pleasing to note.

RITUAL.

It was my desire to be able at this time to present a uniform Ritual that would meet with your approbation, but it has been impossible, on account of sickness, to complete the work; but at as early a date as possible it will be placed in the hands of my successor.

CONCLUSION.

In surrendering the authority with which you one year ago invested me as Grand Master, I lay down the gavel, "the emblem of power," with feelings of gratitude to the Grand Council, with the satisfaction of knowing that the Rite is in good condition in California, and that my successor may enter upon his work with confidence, with the knowledge that perfect

harmony exists among the workmen throughout the arches leading to this Grand Secret Vault, and with my heartfelt gratitude to all the Companions who have so ably assisted me during my term of office.

To all the Councils which have received me so kindly and fraternally, and been so cheerfully prompt to correct the slight errors in their work under my supervision, I return my profound thanks, and recommend them to the watchful care and love of the Supreme Grand Master of all.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,
M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

Which Address was referred to a special committee of three. Whereupon the Deputy Grand Master appointed as such committee:—

On Grand Master's Address..... { Comp. William Abraham Davies, " Jacob Hart Neff, " William Monroe Petrie.

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:

As required by the Constitution of the Grand Council, the undersigned respectfully submits the following as showing the transactions of his office since the last Annual Assembly, also other matters claiming the attention of the Grand Council.

As soon as was possible after the close of the last Annual Assembly, the transactions thereat were printed, and the usual number distributed as follows:—

One copy to each of the Grand Officers and such Past Grand Officers as are members of this Grand Council; one copy to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils; three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of the subordinate Councils of this jurisdiction.

No dispensations have been issued from this office during the past year, nor have any Representatives been commissioned.

With feelings of regret the undersigned submits herewith a resolution of surrender of Charter of *Sonora* Council, No. 5. The old story—"the debris decision"—is the cause. The undersigned is aware that the Grand Master has advised a removal instead of a surrender; but the resolutions were previously passed, and are herewith submitted for such action as the Grand Council may deem necessary.

The undersigned also submits a communication from Companions of the late *Yreka* Council, No. 8, at Yreka, Siskiyou County, this State, from which it seems that the charter, and all the books and records pertaining to said Council, are still in the possession of the Companions at Yreka. As their desire is that the Council be re-established, with name and number as before, it seems that the request should be granted. The communica-

tion is therefore submitted for such action as may be deemed for the best interests of Cryptic Masonry

The following shows the progress made during the year past; and while the increase is small, the several Councils, excepting No. 5, seem to be in a healthy condition, and increasing interest in the Rite is apparent:—

Number greeted during the year	44	
Number affiliated	3	—
Total increase		47
Number withdrawn	3	
Number excluded	6	
Number suspended for non-payment of dues	13	
Number died	22	—
Total decrease		44
Net increase for the year		3

Number of affiliated Royal and Select Masters on January 31, 1891, including the members of *Sonora* Council, No. 5, (26, as per last year's report,) 1018.

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder's office since the last Annual Assembly:—

RECEIPTS.

Sacramento Council,	No. 1,	dues to February 1, 1891					$106 00
California,	No. 2,	"	"	"	"		200 00
Marysville,	No. 3,	"	"	"	"		38 50
Sonora,	No. 5,	"	"	"	"		.....
Shasta,	No. 6,	"	"	"	"		25 00
Helena,	No. 9,	"	"	"	"		28 50
Stockton,	No. 10,	"	"	"	"		45 00
Los Angeles,	No. 11,	"	"	"	"		45 00
Oakland,	No. 12,	"	"	"	"		52 00
Total for dues							$540 00
Received for five diplomas							10 00
Making total receipts for the year							$550 00
Amount paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented							$550 00
Sixteen warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer, amounting in the aggregate to							$616,40

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

Which report — or so much thereof as relates to finances — was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns; and so much as relates to *Sonora* Council, No. 5, and the late *Yreka* Council,

No. 8, was referred to the Committee on the Address of the Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements since the last Annual Assembly:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. & S. M. of California:—

1890.			
April 14.	To balance cash on hand		$407 45
1891.			
Feb. 16.	To received from Grand Recorder		458 00
April 11.	" " " " "		92 00
			$957 45

1890.							
May 12.	By paid	James Oglesby,	Voucher	No. 1	$	10	00
" 19.	"	" T. H. Caswell,	"	" 2		37	50
June 4.	"	" Samuel D. Mayer	"	" 3		10	00
" 25.	"	" T. H. Caswell,	"	" 4		18	75
July 7.	"	" Geo. Spaulding & Co.,	"	" 5		155	80
" 7.	"	" T. H. Caswell,	"	" 6		4	60
" 26.	"	" " "	"	" 7		18	75
Aug. 26.	"	" " "	"	" 8		18	75
Sept. 22.	"	" " "	"	" 9		18	75
Oct. 9.	"	" Wm. Frank Pierce,	"	" 10		100	00
1891.							
Feb. 16.	"	" " " "	"	" 11		100	00
" 16.	"	" T. H. Caswell,	"	" 12		37	50
" 16.	"	" " "	"	" 13		9	50
" 16.	"	" " "	"	" 14		37	50
April 11.	"	" " "	"	" 15		37	50
" 11.	"	" F. Eastman & Co.	"	" 16		1	50
							616 40
April 20.	Balance cash on hand						$341 05

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, Representative of the Grand Council of Vermont, and Comp. CHARLES EDWIN

GILLETT, Representative of the Grand Councils of Connecticut and Rhode Island, near this Grand Council, made the following reports:—

To the M.·. P.·. Grand Council of California:—

I am in the discharge of a pleasant duty as the Representative of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Vermont, near this Grand Council in tendering, as I now do, the congratulations of the *M.·. Ill.·.* HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Master for the Grand Council of Vermont to the Grand Council of California upon this its 31st Annual Assembly.

As Vermont materially assisted in establishing the Grand Council of California by the able efforts of a gifted son and accomplished Mason, Companion WM. C. BELCHER, she has a pardonable pride in observing its progress and effectiveness in the promulgation of the Cryptic Rite and sends best wishes for continued success.

WM. A. DAVIES,
Representative.

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

As the accredited Representative of the Grand Councils of R. and S. M. of the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island, I bring to you the fraternal greetings of those Grand Councils, and in behalf of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and the Illustrious Companions of each of said Grand Councils, salute you, and bid you God speed in your labors within the Secret Vault.

While the Grand Councils of Connecticut and Rhode Island are "independent" Grand Councils, not yet having enlisted under the banner of the General Grand Council of the United States, there are probably no Grand Councils within its jurisdiction, where the principles of Cryptic Masonry are better understood and appreciated.

Being a native of Connecticut, I may perhaps be pardoned, if I make the statement that Cryptic Masonry in that State is ahead of that in any other Grand Council in the United States, as regards the proportion of Royal Arch Masons who have passed within the ninth arch, *for over one half* of the Royal Arch Masons in Connecticut have been greeted as Select Masters.

Connecticut, with 4,610 R. A. Masons has 2,518 R. and S. Masters, and Rhode Island with 1,957 R. A. Masons has 921 R. and S. Masters, while of California's 4,650 R. A. Masons, only 965 have been admitted within the Secret Vault.

These figures are submitted to show that while the jurisdictions of Connecticut and Rhode Island are small, our Companions R. and S. Masters there are *zealous workers* for the rite, and having "wrought their regular hours," are justly entitled to the front rank in Cryptic Masonry in the United States, also, as an incentive to the Companions in the various other jurisdictions to emulate the Companions in these jurisdictions in their labors for the growth and prosperity of our beloved Rite.

Trusting that the feelings of Brotherly Love and Friendship existing between the Grand Councils of Connecticut and Rhode Island and the Grand Council of R. and S. M. of California may be more strongly cemented, and firmly established by our fraternal greetings, and intercourse year by year, and that the blessings of Heaven may rest upon and abide with us all, now and evermore,

I am, courteously and fraternally,

CHAS. E. GILLETT,

Representative.

Which reports were ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

Other Representatives, notably Comp. THOMAS KYLE, Representative of the Grand Council of Kentucky, and Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, Representative of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, near this Grand Council, gave most encouraging reports of the progress of the Cryptic Rite in the jurisdictions represented by them.

Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, which was ordered printed with the proceedings:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:

Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully report that the proceedings of the following Grand Councils have been received and reviewed:

ARKANSAS	for 1890	MINNESOTA	for 1890
CONNECTICUT	" 1890	MISSISSIPPI	" 1891
ILLINOIS	" 1890	MISSOURI	" 1890
INDIANA	" 1890	NEW YORK	" 1890
KANSAS	" 1890	OHIO	" 1890
KENTUCKY	" 1890	PENNSYLVANIA	" 1890
MAINE	" 1890	TENNESSEE	" 1890–91
MARYLAND	" 1882–90	VERMONT	" 1890
MASSACHUSETTS	" 1890		

Making seventeen in all; a loss of five from the number reported last year.

We fear that the "stings of awakened conscience" with which we credited some Grand Recorders last year has lost its power, else we would not be compelled to report a falling off, instead of an increase, in the number of proceedings received this year. Is it possible that "*ossification*" has set in? If so, all hope for them in the future must be abandoned. So with thanks for "favors received," we commence with

ARKANSAS.

The twenty-eighth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Little Rock, on the twentieth day of November, 1890, the *M.·. I.·.* FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* JAMES A. HENRY being Grand Recorder. The representatives of ten subordinate Councils were present; also eight Past Grand Masters responded at roll call.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief, but to the point. He is pleased to recognize that progress has been made, and reports the organization of one new Council, and the *resuscitation* of Pike Council, No. 8, from its former state of somnolency. He also announces the death of Comp. GEO. H. MEADE, for eleven years the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council. The "Committee on Memorials of the Dead," say of him:—

"Companion MEADE was in the prime of life and usefulness, and we had reason to hope for him many years of usefulness among us; but we know not the day nor the hour of the coming of the messenger of Death. It is with great satisfaction that we can report that Companion MEADE was prepared to meet his GOD in peace and enter the Council above."

The Grand Master had obtained a copy of the ritual for the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, adopted by the General Grand Council at its last session in Atlanta, Georgia, which he submitted for the consideration of the Grand Council. The Committee to whom the same was referred presented the following resolution, which was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the Ritual adopted by the General Grand Council at its recent assembly, be, and is hereby adopted as the Standard Ritual of this Grand Council and the Subordinate Councils of this Jurisdiction. And it is hereby made incumbent upon the *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master to adopt such means as in his wisdom is deemed best to promulgate the same in this Grand Jurisdiction."

Comp. GEORGE L. KIMBALL, having received the degree of Super Excellent Master at the session of the General Grand Council, with authority from the General Grand Master to communicate the same, communicated said degree to a class of seventeen, in which were the Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, several Past Grand Masters and other prominent Royal and Select Masters of the jurisdiction.

There was no report on correspondence.

This Grand Council has nineteen active subordinate Councils upon its roll out of a chartered number of thirty-one, with an aggregate membership of three hundred and fifty-eight.

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

CONNECTICUT.

This Grand Council held its seventy-second Annual Assembly in the city of Hartford, on the twelfth day of May, 1890, the *M.·. I.·.* SAMUEL BASSETT, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* JOSEPH K. WHEELER, being Grand Recorder. Seventeen subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief, being confined to matters of

local interest and to a recital of his official acts. From it and the reports of the visiting officers we learn that the Cryptic Rite is fairly prosperous, and that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction. Ten of the twenty subordinate Councils were visited during the year by the Grand Master and visiting Grand Officers. Degrees were conferred in each, and the ritual in most instances was rendered in an acceptable and impressive manner. The recommendation of the Grand Master that "the officers of some Council be invited to exemplify the work before the Grand Council each year," was adopted. This is a move in the right direction and will give an increased interest in, and tend to insure a larger attendance at, the Annual Assemblies.

Comp. WILLIAM WALLACE LEE again presents his report on Correspondence. Like his former efforts it is *square-toed* in every respect, and leaves little room for doubt as to his opinion on any subject he discusses. Nor does he lack in that "bumptiousness" of which he credits us with "a good deal;" and although his specimens of "culcha" may not be quite up to our own standard, as he views it, yet they are sufficient to warrant the conclusion that he is the veritable son of "the old farmer" he so approvingly quotes. But whether he is or is not, we are satisfied he has "been thar" all the same, and extend to him the greetings of *fellowship* to which he is entitled. In other words, practice one of the "lessons" he recommends—will "render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsars."

Comp. LEE ostensibly reviews our proceedings for 1889. I say *ostensibly*, for after giving but seven lines to the proceedings proper the balance of his report is entirely *personal* to ourself. Hear him:—

"The Correspondence report is, of course, by THOMAS H. CASWELL. He is a vigorous writer, and when he "spits on his hands" and buckles down to his work, folks must get out of his way. I copy a few of his specimens to show what a man who has what the old farmer was going to give his boy, "a good macadamized education," can do.

In another place he says:—"Here is another gem which I quote to show what 'culcha' will do for a fellow," and quotes from our report of that year. Again he says:—

"There is a great deal of bumptiousness all through his report," and suggests in conclusion, that "a few lessons from the Book of the Law would help CASWELL out considerably." These quotations sufficiently explain the references to the Companion as above—and with them, will bid our genial friend *adios*.

There are twenty subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of two thousand and eighteen.

M.·. *I*.·. GEORGE A. KIES was elected Grand Master, and *R*.·. *I*.·. JOSEPH K. WHEELER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

The thirty-eighth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Chiçago, on the twenty-ninth day of October, 1890, the *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM K. FORSYTH, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. E.·.* GIL. W. BERNARD being Grand Recorder. Thirty-six subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is principally confined to matters of local interest, and to a recital of his official acts. He first, however, "pays tribute to the memory of those who have passed to that Higher Lodge to which we are all advancing," both in his own and sister jurisdictions. The list is sadly numerous and contains the names of many who were everywhere recognized as shining lights in Cryptic as well as in other branches of Masonry. He reports the customary division of the State into nine Arches or Districts, and the placing of competent Companions in charge thereof.

Several dispensations to elect officers at times other than those provided by the by-laws, and to receive and act upon petitions at Special Assemblies, were granted during the year; also one for the formation of a new Council. He reports as "ample evidence of the peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction," that he had not been called upon to render any decisions "that were not fully covered by law and Masonic custom." In his conclusion the Grand Master makes the gratifying statement—which is amply verified by the reports of the Grand Lecturer and those in charge of the several Arches—as follows:—

"Let me say in conclusion, Companions, that I believe that Cryptic Masonry in Illinois is established upon a firm and sure foundation. The reports from the subordinate Councils show a gratifying increase in membership, and I know from personal observation that the degrees are being sought after, not out of idle curiosity, but from the fact becoming generally known that they are necessary to a complete understanding of the history of Ancient Craft Masonry."

The Report on Correspondence is again from the graceful pen of Comp. L. R. JEROME. It is an able paper, and his criticisms kind and fraternal. The proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils are courteously reviewed, those of California for 1890 receiving a goodly share of his attention.

Comp. JEROME expresses great satisfaction, and very properly, too, at the action of the General Grand Council, in giving to State Grand Councils the privilege of determining "the legal status of the Royal and Select Masters of their several jurisdictions" (a privilege claimed by Illinois from the first), as follows:—

"No one man can claim the honor of this success. It is the result of the honest, truthful, sober second thought of the Companions R. & S. Masters of the whole country, admitting and promulgating a principle of right and justice, such action as is rarely seen outside the Masonic Fraternity. By the action of the General Grand Council in adopting Sec. 15, of Art. 1 of its Constitution, it has won its way to the hearts of the Companions R. & S. Masters of the United States as nothing else could have done.

It has calmed the storm and allayed the strife that bid fair at one time to overwhelm Cryptic Masonry in the dark waters of oblivion. It has now placed itself upon record in such a way that Grand Councils not its constituents can honorably and without loss of self respect accept Companion Mordhurst's kind and fraternal invitation to 'avail themselves of the constitutional privilege of becoming its constituents.' All honor to the General Grand Body for the courage to take the course it did."

And in answer to our suggestion that "now that Illinois has received all that she has been contending for," she should "unite with the majority of her Companions and become a constituent of the General Grand Council," he has this to say:—

"As to that we cannot say. We are the servant, not the ruler of our Grand Council. But if a proposition to unite with the General Grand Council should be made in the Grand Council of Illinois, we would not oppose it.

"The General Grand Council, by its fraternal action in adopting Sec. 15, of Art. 1, has risen many degrees in our estimation, and we think better of it than we did. There, CASWELL! that is a great concession for us to make—but it is true. We once knew a clergyman whose motto was, "Love is an all conquering weapon," and we begin to believe it. At any rate, it is certainly true that the G. G. C., by its wise and fraternal action, has made many friends, that no other course it could take would have done."

May that "all conquering weapon" continue to exercise its power, till we can greet our sister of Illinois a member of the "General" family.

Yes, Comp. JEROME, we will "meet at Phillippi," if spared, and if no more serious consequences result than when we met in Chicago last November, we shall have no fear of that promised "sturdy attendant."

There are forty-two subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 2,059, a gain for the year of 150.

The *M.·. I.·.* JOHN W. WARVILLE was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* GIL. W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

The thirty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Indiana was held in the city of Indianopolis on the twenty-first day of October, 1890—the *M.·. I.·.* OLIVER B. SARGENT, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM M. SMYTHE being Grand Recorder. Fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of thirty-nine of the forty-two chartered Councils were present.

The Address of the Grand Master, though brief, shows the Rite to be fairly prosperous throughout the jurisdiction—that "no questions of doubt or dispute" were submitted for decision—and no member of the Grand Council had been summoned hence during the year. One dispensation for the formation of a new Council had been issued, and the two Councils to which charters were granted at the last Annual Assembly, had been duly constituted, and gave promise of future success. Of the General Grand Council he says:—

"As your representative I attended the triennial session of the General Grand Council of the United States held in the Masonic Temple, at At-

lanta, Ga., November 19 and 20, 1889. * * * * Every Grand Council of the United States, with the exception of Florida, New Hampshire and Oregon, were represented. A very harmonious session was held, neither a grievance nor an appeal was brought before the session. The most important proceeding was the adoption of a standard Ritual Work, known as the convention work, a copy of which has been forwarded to our Grand Recorder, and is now in the hands of Companion WILLIAM HACKER, the Custodian of the Work, and it will be for you to adopt or reject at this session. I don't see anything in the work better than our own, and can therefore add no words of recommendation."

The Committee to whom the above was referred, submitted the following report:—

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred that part of the Illustrious Grand Master's Address that relates to the "Ritual Work" of the General Grand Council, with the copy sent us by the General Grand Master, report that upon a full examination we find the "*Essentials*" (which is all that has been recommended by the General Grand Council to the State Grand Councils) correspond so nearly in each particular with what has always been taught by authority of this Grand Council that the committee do not deem it necessary to recommend any action in the premises at this time; but that the work as adopted and promulgated by this Grand Council remain as it has been since the organization of the Grand Council."

The report was adopted. The business transacted was purely local in character.

The report on Correspondence is again from the pen of Comp. HENRY W. MORDHURST, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, our own for 1890 included. He characterizes our report of that year, as "rich, rare and racy." Thanks, Companion.

In commenting upon our reply to that old chestnut, that our report was "injected into the bowels of the proceedings," he predicts that as "OSGOODBY has gone back on him, soon CASWELL will be left blooming alone." Well, be it so. We care not if *all* take a back seat, and though we may become like the "last rose of summer," we will be right all the same, and the fragrance of our *locale* will dispel the malodors of the faded appendices.

Last year we appropriated without leave or license the statistical table appended to his report, but this year, having his generous "welcome to anything in our (his) shop," we will, to save space, use his totals only. The table shows thirty-two Grand Councils with five hundred and twenty-two enrolled subordinates, and four Councils subordinate to the General Grand Council—making five hundred and twenty-six subordinate Councils, with a membership of thirty-one thousand and thirty. Receipts, $11,243,18; disbursements, $9,612.15, and assets, $10,389.40. Whole number greeted during the year, 2,549.

As stated in the commencement of our review of Indiana, this Grand Council has forty-two chartered Councils upon its roll, with a membership of 1,981—showing a gain over report of 1889, of 102.

The *M.·. I.·.* CHARLES W. SLICK was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM H. SMYTHE was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

The twenty-fourth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Salina, on the seventeenth day of February, 1890, the *M.·. I.·.* DAVID D. HOAG, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* JOHN H. BROWN being Grand Recorder. Nine subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his Addresss, says it must necessarily be brief, so little having occurred which calls for special notice. Of the condition of the Rite, he says:—

"In our own jurisdiction, from the best information I have been able to obtain, some Councils are prospering with brighter future prospects before them, while in some few cases, I regret to say, there appears to be a feeling of indifference. I am happy to say, however, that on the whole, our Order is enjoying a reasonable degree of prosperity; and so far as I can ascertain, peace and unity prevail in all our Councils. There has not been a very rapid increase in membership, it is true, but this of itself need not seriously grieve us, for it is not the quantity but the quality to which we should look, and which should excite pride and admiration. The year just past has been one of universal harmony among the Craft. No discord or contention has arisen which has not been readily reconciled, and no cause of grievance is known to exist which requires the action of this Grand Body."

The decease of Past Grand Master ALBERT D. MCCONAUGHY was announced, concerning whom the Committee on Necrology say:—

"Companion MCCONAUGHY was devotedly attached to Masonry in all its branches. He was ever ready to give his time and energies to the upbuilding of the Order. He gave much time and thought to the study of the Institution, and was well skilled in our art. In his daily walks he ever sought to be a true exponent of the grand Order to which he was so much attached. His works will live after him, and the memory of his many virtues will linger in our remembrance and reflect their shining luster beyond the portals of the tomb."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on the right side of the ledger of $600.80.

The Committees on Grievances and on Jurisprudence reported, that no business requiring their attention had been submitted. There was no report on Correspondence.

A Charter was granted to *Hutchinson* Council, U. D., and enrolled as No. 13. There are twelve subordinate Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction, with a membership of ———? No footings, as usual.

The *M.·. I.·.* THEO. P. RODGERS was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* JOHN H. BROWN was re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Louisville, on the twenty-first day of October, 1890, the *M.·. I.·.* JAMES W. STATON, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* LORENZO DOW CRONINGER being Grand Recorder. There were present eight Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of twelve subordinate Councils.

The Address of the Grand Master is a strictly business paper, being con-

fined principally to a rehearsal of his official acts. It appears that the Grand Master of Ohio had requested the *re-appointment* of Kentucky's Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Ohio, for the reason that Ohio had adopted the three-year term of service. This the Grand Master of Kentucky declined to do, very properly, as we think, stating that his Grand Council had repealed the "Tenure of Office Act," and therefore there was no necessity for a re-appointment, so long as a Representative is at his post. Kentucky's appointments, like our own, being "for life or during good behavior." In this connection he further says:—

"I have no objections to Ohio, or any other jurisdiction, adopting any number of years as the term, it pleases, but the Grand Council of Kentucky has declared that it does not desire any specific term, therefore I cannot consent that our law shall be obviated by resort to resignations and re-appointments. The change in our law was made to save 'unnecessary work and expense.'"

The views of the Grand Master were concurred in by the Grand Council.

Of the General Grand Council, referring to the meeting at Atlanta, in 1889, he says:—

"The most important legislation performed was that of conceding the right of the several Grand Chapters to define the status of their own membership, which is the doctrine so tenaciously held to by the Grand Council of Kentucky. * * * * * * * *

"The cause of complaint and bitterness towards the General Grand Council having been removed, so far as I am concerned, I am ready to bid it and its constituents God-speed, wishing it and them prosperity and usefulness. As for union with it, I see no reason to change the views heretofore held and expressed, both by this Grand Council and myself."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom this portion of the Address was referred, reported as follows:—

"We hail with pleasure this evidence of liberality on the part of this new body of Cryptic Masonry, and now most cordially extend to it the right hand of fellowship—but suggest that the time is not yet ripe for an agitation of the subject of union."

The following note, by the Grand Recorder, accounts for the absence of a report on Correspondence:—

"The Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence had partially prepared a report to accompany the proceedings of 1890, but being informed of the low state of the finances of the Grand Council, has declined to finish it, because there is no money in the Treasury to pay for the printing."

This we regret exceedingly; for the Correspondence Reports of Kentucky are among the best received, and are always courteous and fraternal. The propriety of the omission is apparent from the fact that the Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance to his credit of only $27.65. May prosperity and a full Treasury be theirs in the future.

The following additional sections to the Constitution of the Grand Council were adopted, and the Grand Recorder was instructed to "officially notify" the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Kentucky of

their adoption. Their importance is our only excuse for copying the sections in full:—

"Amend Article I, by adding the following, which will be known as Sections 8 and 9:

"SEC. 8. That this Grand Council hereby declares the so-called "Cerneau Rites," being known as the "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites for the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies," clandestine, irregular and unmasonic.

"That this Grand Council hereby announces and recognizes as Masonic and legitimate and regular, the following named Grand and Supreme Bodies, and Bodies of their own grade recognized by them respectfully, and Bodies Subordinate, or in obedience to them, to-wit: The Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Kentucky, and the Grand Lodges of the several States and Territories, and Grand Lodges of other countries recognized by said Grand Lodges and in fraternal relations therewith; The General Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of the United States of America, the Grand Chapters of the several States and Territories, and Grand and Subordinate Chapters recognized by them and in fraternal relations therewith; the General Grand Council, R. & S. M., of the United States of America, and the Grand Councils of the several States and Territories, and Grand and Subordinate Councils recognized by them and in fraternal relation therewith; the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States of America, and the Grand Commanderies of the several States and Territories, and Grand and Subordinate Commanderies, Preceptories and Priories recognized by them and in fraternal relation therewith; the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 33°, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which ALBERT PIKE is the present Sovereign Grand Commander, and all Grand, Supreme and Subordinate Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, acknowledged and recognized by said Supreme Council and in fraternal relations therewith; the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which HENRY L. PALMER is the present Sovereign Grand Commander, and all Grand, Supreme and Subordinate Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, acknowledged and recognized by said Supreme Council and in fraternal relations therewith; the Royal Order of Scotland and the Provincial Grand Body of said Order in the United States.

Any Royal or Select Master of this Grand Jurisdiction or therein, who shall hereafter join, meet or affiliate with any body or persons acting as so-called Cerneaus, or who now being a member of said body, rite or organization by whatever name known or called, shall remain after December 1, 1890, in anywise a member of, or meet, act, affiliate or in any way co-operate with said clandestine, irregular and unmasonic body, or any person or persons connected therewith, or in anywise representing the same; or who shall solicit or attempt to induce any one to join or unite with the same for any purpose whatever, shall be guilty of a gross Masonic offense, and shall be expelled. And any Royal or select Master in this jurisdiction, who shall hold any Masonic intercourse of any kind with any body or rite, or any member of any body or rite not hereinbefore designated to be regular, legitimate and Masonic, shall be guilty of a Masonic offense, and shall be expelled.

"SEC. 9. An additional test to determine whether a visitor is in fellowship with "Cerneau Masonry" or any other illegal body, shall be required. And the Thrice Illustrious Master of any Council *shall* require each member of his Council to purge himself of such membership by an oath, declaring that he is not a member of any body of men claiming to be Masons, which is not recognized as in Article I, Section 8. Failing to

do so, the Grand Master, or his Council may require it to be done, and any Royal or Select Master refusing to comply with this Section, shall be punished by expulsion.

"Every petition for affiliation or induction into any Council of Royal and Select Masters, in Kentucky, shall state upon the face of such petition, that the petitioner is an active member of some "Blue Lodge." If a member of a Council ceases to be a member of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, he shall cease to be a member of his Council, but this shall not prevent his being tried as a non-affiliate, or suspended for non-payment of dues."

There are nineteen subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 603; being a gain of 25 over the previous year.

The *M.·. I.·.* GEORGE A. LEWIS was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* LORENZO DOW CRONINGER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

The thirty-sixth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Portland on the seventh day of May, 1890, the *M.·. I.·.* ALBERT M. PENLY, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* STEPHEN BERRY being Grand Recorder. Fifteen Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of eleven out of the twelve subordinate Councils, were present. The Grand Master, in his Address, says:—

"It seems but yesterday since we assembled here and transacted the business of our last Annual Assembly; and yet a year has passed, a happy and prosperous one, I hope, to you all. To this Grand Council, I think I can safely say, it has been a very prosperous one; for more candidates have received the degrees than in any one year since its organization, and peace and harmony prevail among the craft. I think I can also say that our subordinate councils were never in better condition than at present, although a few of them still fail to catch that spirit of enthusiasm and interest for the Cryptic Rite which so generally prevails among the companions in this jurisdiction."

The deaths of Past Grand Masters JOHN B. FILLEBROWN and CHARLES W. HANEY were announced, also the death of Past Grand Treasurer CHARLES FOBES, and suitable tributes of respect were paid to the memory and worth of the deceased Companions.

One dispensation for the formation of a new Council was issued, and a charter for its perpetuation was ordered by the Grand Council. The Grand Master had inspected its work in all the degrees and found it eminently satisfactory. He had attended the Third Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council at Atlanta, Georgia, concerning which he says:—

"The attendance was very large, and the session a very harmonious one. All who were there were greatly encouraged by the reports from the various jurisdictions, and the deep interest manifested by the representatives present for the welfare of Cryptic Masonry.

"The business done was mostly of a routine character, but an amendment was made to the constitution acknowledging the right of Grand Councils to fix the status of the members of their subordinate councils.

"A Committee on Ritual was appointed, whose report, which was

adopted by the General Grand Council, leaves the work substantially the same as at present."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of $281.70.

The Grand Recorder's report is, as usual, brief, of the briefest, which we give entire: "that the small amount of work devolving on him in that capacity has been performed and the records are ready for examination."

The Report on Correspondence was again presented by our able and distinguished Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, California for 1890 being of the number. In reference to our custom of printing the *full* christian names in our proceedings, he "rejoices that in California, the energy, push and drive of whose people is unsurpassed, have *names*, and take enough time to use them, without restricting our knowledge to a small part of the alphabet." Thanks, Companion, for your appreciation. If we have a John Brown Smith on our roll, he is so reported; whereas, if we contented ourselves with J. B. Smith only, it might mean Jabez Bently, Josiah Butler, or even Jachin Boaz Smith—and *imposition* could easily be practiced.

Comp. D. commences his report with an able review of the General Grand Council proceedings at Atlanta, in 1889. We regret that space prevents the copying of it in full, especially that portion prepared for the General Grand Council, relative "to the status of the Rite in Wisconsin," and received too late by the General Grand Body for consideration. It overthrows entirely the claims of the Wisconsin Companions, and *should* convince them that Cryptic Masonry is something more than a mere form, subject to the whims and caprices of the prejudiced or uninformed, but is controlled by precedents and laws as forcible and unyielding as those of any other branch of our American system of Free Masonry.

There are thirteen subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 1,206, being a gain of 148 over the returns of 1889.

The *M.·. I.·.* DENISON E. SEYMOUR, was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* IRA BERRY, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND.

Brief abstracts of the proceedings of this Grand Council from 1882 to 1889 are given, from which it does not appear that the Cryptic Rite is flourishing in the jurisdiction as it should. The total membership in 1881 being 244, and in 1889, 310—being a gain of but 66 in eight years.

The sixteenth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Baltimore on the thirteenth day of November, 1889—*M.·. I.·.* HENRY C. LARRABEE, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, being Grand Recorder.

There was no Address by the Grand Master, and the only business transacted seems to have been the granting of a charter to a Council, U. D., and the revoking of the charters of two subordinates—reducing the number of enrolled Councils to four. The balance in the Treasury, as reported, was $158.38.

We concur in the opinion expressed by Comp. DRUMMOND, that, "if a higher degree of interest could be aroused in the Councils outside of Baltimore, the Rite would become more prosperous."

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS.

This Grand Council convened in Annual Assembly in the city of Boston on the tenth day of December, 1890—the *M.·. I.·.* DANIEL W. JONES, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, being Grand Recorder. Twenty of the twenty-four subordinate Councils were represented.

The Grand Master commences his Address with the following beautiful tribute to Masonry:—

"The support of an institution calculated to promote religious knowledge in general, give efficiency to the precepts of the gospel, instil the principles of morality, and improve the social affections, whose principles forbid all injustice and oppression, inculcate every personal, social and divine virtue, and command us to love God, our country, our neighbor, and one another, has certainly a just claim to our most cordial affection.

"If mankind were governed by the principles of our Order, the name of God would not be profaned. There would be no perjuries nor hypocrisies, no ingratitude, pride, nor self-complacency under the smiles of Providence, nor any murmuring under its frowns. If mankind obeyed these teachings, to honor and obey God would be their constant delight, they would love their neighbor as themselves, consequently there would be no wars, nor envying, nor strifes; no slanders, litigations, nor intrigues between neighbors; no persecuting bitterness, fraud, nor deceit; no murders, robberies, nor theft; no unkindness, treachery, nor implacable resentments among friends. Every one would pursue that course, and that only, which would be conducive to the happiness of all."

He thus announces the death of Past Grand Master *M.·. I.·.* and Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN:—

"In the midst of life we are in death."

"What painful demonstration of this solemn truth have we had since we last met!

"One of our Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Masters, our esteemed and beloved Grand Chaplain, Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN, whom we delighted to honor, has gone to his rest. How long shall our tears continue to flow at the recollection of his dear companionship! But it is for ourselves, not for him, we weep. Having finished the work, which his Master had assigned him, he has been called from the field of his labors to receive his reward. May the affection we had for him in life, and the sorrow we felt at his death, engage us to honor his memory by an imitation of his pious and virtuous example."

The Committee on Obituaries, in their report, say of him:—

"On the sixth of August, 1890, Rev. JOHN W. DANDUM suddenly and unexpectedly died while actively engaged in the discharge of his official duties as Chaplain at Deer Island.

"The shock and sense of loss was great when the sad news first came to us, and now, months afterwards, we realize even more fully the irreparable break that has been made in our ranks.

" 'The hand we ever loved to clasp—
That tireless hand which knew no rest—
Loosed from affection's clinging grasp,
Lies nerveless on the peaceful breast.
The beaming eye, the cheering voice,
That lent to life a generous glow,
Whose every meaning said 'Rejoice,'
We see, we hear, no more below.'

"He was born in Hubbardston, Mass., December 20, 1819, but who that knew him could realize that he had passed his threescore and ten years. Tall, erect, robust and stalwart, with scarce a gray streak in his abundant hair, his blue eyes bright and sparkling always, the grasp of his hand warm and vigorous, he seemed to all to be only of middle age, with reasonable expectation of many years of usefulness here with us."

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"The world will never know the amount of good accomplished, directly and indirectly, by his life of active usefulness as Chaplain to the Public Institutions at Deer Island, where for the last twenty-five years he has lived in the midst of those whose need of such services was great, and numbers of whom were led by his example and precept to lead higher, purer, better lives, and the influence of his life there will be felt far and wide for many and many a year.

"In our fraternity, too, what an influence for good he exerted. Always genial and affable, never losing his dignity, yet always overflowing with love and good-will for his Companions.

" 'His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, *This was a Man*.' "

Most sincerely do we unite with the Committee in their expressions of sorrow for his loss, and in their appreciation of his nobleness and kindness of heart and character. It was our privilege to know the Rev. Companion personally; and we unhesitatingly say, that a more perfect specimen of manhood we never saw; and a more genial, kind and obliging nature we never met. He rests in peace; *Vale*.

The Grand Master had officially visited twenty-two of the subordinate Councils, in all of which he witnessed work which merited the highest commendation; and the ability of the officers aad the spirit of the members are mentioned as "subjects of gratification." Under the head of "Congratulatory," he says:—

"The present condition of Cryptic Masonry in this State is gratifying. The Recorders have been prompt in making returns to the Grand Recorder. We have no dormant Councils. All but two have conferred the degrees during the past year. Hiram has initiated 106 and has a membership of 655. The total number initiated this year is 423, 70 more than last year.

"The present number of affiliated Cryptic Masons in this State is 3,800. A very respectable number. Ten years ago there were not one-half as many. This grand result comes from the intrinsic value of the degrees, and as their beauty and excellence become better known, our number will increase still more rapidly."

The Grand Treasurer reports the property of the Grand Council, consisting of U. S. bonds, money in bank, and cash in his hands, as amounting to the comfortable sum of $2,818.48.

A very excellent Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp.

SERANUS BOWEN, who had been appointed the successor of Comp. DADMAN, who for many years was the Committee on Correspondence for the Grand Council. We opine that the position is neither new nor strange to Comp. BOWEN. At least his work has all the "ear-marks" of an adept; and it is a source of no little regret that we cannot, for want of space, notice it as its merits deserve. We must, therefore, content ourselves with brief extracts from his conclusion:—

"There seems, on the whole, to be a general feeling among the Grand Councils of prosperity. Some, however, complain of weakness. We think the reason why we do not increase faster may be easily found in the way some of our own members talk of the Cryptic Rite as though it was a sort of a "side show" to other and more important branches of Masonry. Instead of that, why not maintain, on all proper occasions, that the Cryptic Degrees are the summit and crown of Ancient Craft Masonry, that without them the Masonic lessons and symbolisms are incomplete. If we are disposed to bow down and humbly ask the Grand Encampment to make our degrees prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, what sort of an impression can we expect will go forth to the outside world as to the value of the Rite to Masonry. Let us rather stand up proudly before the world and maintain what is so true, that if you really care for Craft Masonry, you *must* have these degrees, for without them the Third and Seventh degrees are incomplete."

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"The degrees have great inherent beauty, but in order to bring out their full significance they must be worked with the necessary music and paraphernalia. To do this costs money and you must charge for your degrees enough to compensate. No candidate will be impressed or instructed with the degrees half worked, and he is likely to say to his friends, 'they don't amount to anything." But let them be worked as they ought to be and there is no trouble at all, for every new candidate who has received the degrees in a proper manner, will be sure to bring in others, because of the instruction and pleasure that he has received. This is not a theory but is a fact which has been demonstrated by practical experience. In Massachusetts, for instance, there has never been so much attention paid to the details of the work as now, and the Councils were never so prosperous. This prosperity has increased just in proportion to the care and attention paid to the work."

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* ALFRED F. CHAPMAN was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

The twenty-first Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Minneapolis on the thirteenth day of October, 1890—the *R.·. I.·.* ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM A. SPAULDING, being Grand Recorder. Six subordinate Councils were represented.

M.·. P.·. GEORGE W. COOLEDGE, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States, was announced and received with the honors due to his high station.

M.·. I.·. ROBERT H. BAKER, Grand Master, being "unavoidably detained out of the State longer than anticipated" by urgent business, forwarded a

very excellent Address, which was read by Past *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master A. Z. LEVERING. The Address shows prompt attention and active interest in the welfare of the Rite;—several Grand visitations—the usual number of special dispensations to ballot, elect officers, etc., and the issuing of two dispensations for the formation of new Councils. The only recommendation he makes is, that the Grand Council "take into consideration the feasibility of increasing its resources. We are 'sailing too close to the wind.' Our field of usefulness is restricted, and we have been hampered by a lack of sufficient funds to carry out plans which would be a benefit to the craft. An investigation of this matter, I feel confident, will show the necessity of immediate action."

This is a subject that should be considered by Grand Councils other than Minnesota. One that we wot of is "hampered" from the same cause.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $20.03.

The Grand Recorder submitted a very full and interesting report of the transactions of his office for the year. From it we learn that 109 were greeted and 12 affiliated—a total increase of 121; and a decrease of 25—ten by death and 15 withdrawals—showing a net increase for the year of 96. Cash receipts, $321.50.

By invitation of the Grand Council the *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master addressed the Grand Body on the history and progress of Cryptic Masonry in the United States.

Comp. JOHN H. RANDALL furnished a very able and interesting Report on Correspondence, in which are reviewed the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils; California for 1890 receiving a generous share of his attention. We regret exceedingly that want of space forbids more than a mere mention of this excellent paper; but a "hampered" Treasury makes *brevity* a necessity. We must, however, quote his reply to our expressed opinion, that it was "hopeless to try further in the direction of making the Cryptic degrees pre-requisite to the Orders of the Temple, in order that the extract we make, from his conclusion, may be appreciated." He says:—

"Well, as Companion LEE would say, 'let's spit on our hands' and go grubbing around the roots of that opposition and it will not be long before we let daylight through them.

"Concentrated effort will accomplish wonders, and with right and justice on our side, there is no reason why our claims should not be recognized."

In his conclusion, he says:—

"The questions that have heretofore been so great a disturbing element seem now in a fair way to be all amicably settled. The 'Merger' matter is practically disposed of, and about the only thing left is pre-requisition. Let that be settled too, and then the correspondents will have nothing to do except to comply with the stereotyped formula; all will be happy and contented, peace and harmony will prevail, and the Cryptic Rite can then take that proud position in the Masonic world to which, with its beau-

tiful, impressive and instructive ceremonies and ritual it is so justly entitled."

There are eight subordinate Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction, having a total member-hip of 662.

M.·. I.·. ANDREW P. SWANSTROM was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS MONTGOMERY was elected Grand Recorder. Address, St. Paul.

MISSISSIPPI.

This Grand Council held its twenty-second Annual Assembly at the city of Aberdeen on the tenth day of February, 1891.—the *M.·. I.·.* FREDERICK SPEED, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* J. L. POWER, being Grand Recorder. All the subordinate Councils, seven in number, were represented.

The Grand Master's Address is a most able paper—the best we have seen. In his opening remarks a brighter future for Masonry in general is apparent, and the sombre cloud which for years has shrouded the Masonic sky of Mississippi is fast giving place to the sunshine of prosperity. He says:—

"In summoning you to resume your labors upon the Secret Vault, I congratulate you upon the fact it is under brighter skies and surrounded by evidences of renewed material prosperity amongst the people of the Commonwealth and section in which our lot in life is cast. A kind Providence has dealt graciously with us since our last Assembly, the labors of the husbandman have been rewarded, and peace, abundance and prosperity pervade the land, in striking contrast to the gloom, disorder, and discontent which prevailed in 1877, when it seemed no longer possible for us to maintain a separate existence as a Masonic Rite, and it was deemed necessary, in order to preserve the beautiful and instructive degrees committed to our custody from becoming extinct, for us to enter into a concordat with the Grand Chapter to take them under its fostering care. And with general prosperity prevailing, there has come to Freemasonry renewed life and vigor. While at the period referred to all the bodies of Masonry in this State were languishing and our numbers constantly decreasing, the Lodges are now entering upon an era of unprecedented prosperity, and Masonry is appreciated at its true worth, many of them find themselves overburdened with work, and it is a genuine source of satisfaction that the character of the men who are now seeking admission to Masonry is such as to give it strength and standing in the community enjoyed by no kindred association."

Further on he gives the following cheering intelligence:—

"We have passed through our darkest hours and the sunlight of renewed prosperity is breaking in the East. The search for further light in Masonry has begun with earnestness and zeal and its good effects will soon be felt upon the Council. Let us, then, persevere assiduously and remain vigilant and true to the cause and to each other, assured that the reward of our labors will be bestowed upon those who are found worthy when the Temple shall have been completed."

He regretted that the "Mississippi Plan," as proposed by them, was not better understood, and had been miscalled a "Merger," for the reason that they "did not seek to merge the degrees into those of the Chap-

ter. There was to be no commingling of the degrees, or any part of them. The plan was simply to confer our degrees in the bosom of the Chapter and upon those who had first received the Royal Arch degrees." The great secret of failure in the plan was, as shown some years since by the report of their own Grand Lecturer, the additional work imposed upon High Priests, and the consequent slip-shod and imperfect rendering of both the Chapter and Council degrees. The Chapter ritual, if properly mastered, is enough for any one officer to be required to administer.

He declined to Commission Grand Representatives to all Councils acknowledging the supremacy of the General Grand Council, on the ground that they were no longer Sovereign Powers; and were, therefore, not the peers of the Independent Grand Council of Mississippi. There is more in this position than at first might appear. He at least has the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States to back him, since in years past it refused an exchange of Representatives with the Grand Priory of Canada on the ground that the Grand Priory being a constituent of the Convent General of England, was not the peer of the Grand Encampment, which was sovereign and independent. Entertaining this view, he is right; but we still hope that in no distant future the Grand Council of Mississippi will *unite* with the general family, and in no sense feel it has lost any of its sovereignty or independence in so doing.

The various Committees sustained the views of the Grand Master in every particular, and the session was necessarily harmonious.

There was no Report on Correspondence. The receipts for the year were $118.50, and the balance in the Treasurer's hands was $88.85. The total membership of the seven subordinate Councils is 189. The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

MISSOURI.

This Grand Council held its twenty-fifth Annual Assembly in the city of St. Louis, on the twenty-third day of April, 1890, the *M.·. I.·.* JOHN J. PIERRON, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM H. MAYO, being Grand Recorder. Five subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief and devoted to local matters exclusively. He expressed thanks that no deaths had occurred during the year, nor grievances to disturb the peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction. In closing, he thus sets forth the condition of the Rite, its apparent lack of appreciation, and suggests a remedy, which to our mind would do more towards re-invigoration than anything else. At least it would not only fitly qualify the officers themselves, but would show to the Companions of the R. A. that genuine merit alone could stimulate so great an interest and zeal. He says:—

"We are moving slowly and I suppose surely, but I am sorry to say that the year does not show any great gains in numerical strength.

"My Companions, we have two of the most beautiful degrees in Masonry when properly worked, but it does seem almost impossible to arouse any

enthusiasm in those who are eligible to take them. The majority of Royal Arch Masons in this State seem to look upon these degrees more as a side issue, than what they really are, the completion and finish to their Masonic education, making clear to the minds of all Royal Arch Masons the mysteries of the Royal Arch.

"I think it would be wise if the *T.·. I.·. M.·.* of the subordinate Councils would make it a rule to exemplify the work at their regular meetings when there are no candidates, not only thereby perfecting themselves in the ritual, but making it interesting to their members, and I feel certain that much good will come from it."

An invitation to visit the "Masonic Home of Missouri," which is now in successful operation, was accepted.

The Grand Recorder reports total receipts for the year at $492.19. The balance in hand, reported by the Grand Treasurer, $219.89.

Comp. MAYO, Grand Recorder and Correspondent, presented a very interesting and able review of fourteen Grand Councils, California for 1889 included. He quotes approvingly from the Address of Grand Master MERRITT, and of our report says it is "the largest and most interesting part of the very neat pamphlet before us." For his more than kind mention of us, we "doff the beaver," and regret that "circumstances over which we have no control," compels us to be brief, but none the less are we appreciative. In his conclusion, in speaking of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, he says:—

"Every Council Mason should realize the worth of our degrees. I know not why it is even among our own Companions are those who speak lightly, even apologetically, of Cryptic Masonry. Surely they cannot understand them or they would know their value. All Royal Arch Masons should be given to understand that in being exalted to that degree they have not passed the circle of perfection in Ancient Craft Masonry, but that a very essential arc still remains to be trodden. Let not Cryptic Masons depreciate themselves nor allow others to do so."

On the subject of "pre-requisition," he has this to say:—

"I believe that Cryptic Masonry is able to maintain a vigorous and beneficent life without being propped by other bodies; yet I would gladly see the Council degrees prerequisite to the Commandery. The State compels its children to attend its schools, and acquire the elements of intellectual training; so Masonry should insist that its votaries should be intelligent, well-informed Masons in all that precedes before being admitted to the "higher degrees." The Commandery has no essential connection with Masonry, but it has chosen to receive none as members who have not received all the degrees of Masonry up to and including the Royal Arch. In consistency it should extend its requirement so as to include the degrees of Royal and Select Masters. It would not, by so doing, reduce the number of candidates; those who aim at the condition of the plumed knight as the goal of their ambition will not be deterred by the length of the way; and they who advance but to go from strength to strength will gladly draw from every inspiring source. Either the Commandery should draw directly from the Lodge or from the Council. I fail to see the propriety in drawing only from the middlemen. I know that this is an old idea, but I think that there is now a strong feeling among our sister jurisdictions that Cryptic Masonry has a right to make this claim at the hands of the Commandery. I hope, therefore, that this

Grand Council will embody its feeling in a resolution to the General Grand Council asking that action be taken at its next session, to be holden the coming autumn, looking to the attainment of this object."

This Grand Jurisdiction has seven subordinate Councils, and a total membership of of 285.

The *M.·. I.·.* FLAVIUS J. TYGARD, was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* WM. H. MAYO, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

This venerable Grand Council held its eighty-first Annual Assembly in the city of New York, on the ninth day of September, 1890,—the *M.·. I.·.* JOHN N. MCCOMB, Jr., Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE VAN VLIET, being Grand Recorder. Twenty-two Subordinate Councils were represented. Six Past Grand Masters, and the Representatives of twenty-five sister Grand Councils were also present; to the latter of whom the Grand Master extended a cordial welcome, and through them tendered the greetings of the Grand Council of New York to the several Grand Bodies they represented.

The Grand Master's Address is an able business paper and clearly sets forth the condition of the Rite in that jurisdiction. In his opening, he says:—

"Another year is drawing to its close. We meet once more in Annual Assembly. It is now in order for us to review the past, and if, from an examination of it, and a study of its history, we can learn better how to do our work in the future, it will not have been spent in vain. We should bring to the tasks which now await us more than our ordinary determination to be faithful to the great interests committed to our care, recognizing fully that human existence is, or should be, made up of a continuous succession of efforts, and that the achievements of the past, no matter what they have been, cannot long content us, but only point the way to farther progress in the coming time."

He pays the following fitting tribute to the Illustrious dead who had "passed from their labors in the Lodge below to the glorious companionship of that undissolving Lodge above." The first named being the Representative of the Grand Council of California, at the time of his decease, and the second, our Past Representative, near the Grand Council of New York. He says:—

"The shaft of death has visited our *S.·. V.·.*, sparing neither eminence nor usefulness nor length of service. No one can predict where it will next strike—whose seat will next be vacated. With our faces to the setting sun we tread the declining path of life, and the shadows lengthen and darken behind us. The good, the wise, the brave fall before our eyes, but our beloved Rite survives, and in its life we feel that our departed companions still live. Here, in our Annual Assembly they come before us in memory, and their influence is felt in the form and character that our legislation has heretofore taken.

"*M.·. I.·.* THOMAS GLIDDON, Past Grand Master, passed to the higher life on the 26th of May, 1890, at his home in Rochester. He was a faithful member of this Grand Council. He loved the Cryptic Rite and was devoted to it. At the time of his death he was a member of Frank R.

Lawrence Lodge, No. 797, F. & A. M., Hamilton Chapter, No. 61, R. A. M., Doric Council, No. 19, R. & S. M., and Monroe Commandery, No. 12, K. T. He was also a member of all the bodies of the *A.·. A.·.* Scottish Rite, and had been honored with the 33d degree. In all these Bodies he had recently held important offices, and to all he had rendered valuable services. Doric Council was, however, the only one over which he had presided. He was widely and favorably known throughout the country as an able Masonic writer, and he had for several years conducted the masonic departments of the Rochester newspapers with marked ability. He was one whom his brethren delighted to honor. He died as he had lived, an honest, upright man, regretted by all who knew him."

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"Gen. CHARLES ROOME died at his residence in New York City, on the 28th of June, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He was for some years the representative of the Grand Council of California, near this Grand Council. He was made a Mason in 1866, and very soon afterwards received the several degrees in succession. He was elected to office in the bodies of which he was a member, and served the craft faithfully in the various positions which he occupied. In 1879 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. In 1875 he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York, and in 1886 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States. In 1874 he received the 33d degree, and was made an honorary member of the Supreme Council *N.·. M.·. J.·.* His life was to us a bright example of devotion to Truth, Honor and Justice."

The Grand Master, in referring to the subject of dormant Councils, says:—

"In all, seventy-one Councils have been organized. Of these we have upon our lists less than twenty-five active Councils. Of the remainder a few have surrendered their charters, but many more have been dormant for a long time." And suggests, as an act of justice to them and to neighboring Councils "that the Grand Master be requested during the ensuing year," to investigate the circumstances and to recommend some appropriate action to the Grand Council at its next Annual Assembly.

In answer to the question "shall the degrees be made pre-requisite?" he has this to say:—

"For many years Cryptic Masons have looked for the time when the degrees of the Council should be made pre-requisite to Masonic Knighthood, thus completing the American System of Freemasonry. Before such action could be expected from the Commanderies it became necessary for Cryptic Masonry to demonstrate its own strength and the reason for its existence. In doing this we have met many serious obstacles, but by a united effort they have been overcome. Cryptic Masonry to-day presents an unbroken front; and harmony, that support of all institutions, gives it the strength to prove its usefulness. Great and important questions have been settled, and we are now ready to begin a work in which we should not falter until the degrees of Royal and Select Master are made prerequisite to the Order of Red Cross. Let us then work together to this end, and by our faith and works impress upon the Commanderies the importance of a full recognition of our claims. If every Royal and Select Master in this jurisdiction will labor zealously and firmly to this end we can, within a short time, win from the Grand Commandery of the State its full endorsement and hearty support. When that time shall come, with the aid we may reasonably expect from our sister Grand Councils, we may

hope for final success of our efforts in an amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar."

The Report on Correspondence, the ablest on the list—was again presented by *M.·. P.·.* GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, in which the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Councils, and the General Grand Council, are reviewed in his usual courteous and thorough manner. California for 1890 receiving liberal and fraternal mention. The question of pre-requisition is discussed at much length, and the reasons given in favor of its adoption are worthy of serious consideration by all members of the Cryptic Rite. He does not propose that it shall be presented to the next Triennial Conclave, but rather that each Grand Council shall first direct its efforts toward the Grand Commandery of its own jurisdiction and obtain its "recognition and approval of the pre-requisite plan;" and suggests that not many years would then pass "before there would be a majority of the Grand Commanderies in the country in favor of the project, for the reason that justice lies at the foundation of Masonry;" and when its claims are properly presented and considered, "the right, justice and equity of the position of the Grand Councils urging the claims of Cryptic Masonry will be recognized and allowed." This, in our opinion, is the proper course to pursue; and, as further suggested, now that the "Merger" question is disposed of, we may reasonably expect from such united action a full recognition by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and that the Council degrees be made, as they deserve, a pre-requisite to the Templary Orders.

Comp. OSGOODBY gives a valuable and interesting table, showing "dates of organization of Grand Councils, Merger, if any, Re-Organization, Subordinates, and whether constituent of General Grand Council, or Independent," which we would gladly copy, but want of space forbids; we must therefore be content with a brief synopsis:

Number of Grand Councils in the U. S., thirty-two.

Constituents of the General Grand Council, which was organized in 1880, twenty-one.

Independent Grand Councils, ten.

Number adopting the Merger, or Mississippi plan, nine.

Number which have since abandoned "Merger" and re-organized Grand Councils, eight.

Leaving one (Iowa) sole adherent of the "Merger" nondescript.

There is a *volume* in the first line of our Companion's conclusion, quoting which we must reluctantly say *Adios*.

"The condition of the Cryptic Rite is improving and we are satisfied with it."

Total receipts for the year, $1,219.00.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, $328.96.

There are twenty-three subordinate Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction having a registered membership in good standing of 2,997—being a net increase over the preceding year of 130.

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

OHIO.

The sixtieth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at the city of Marion, on the twenty-third day of September, 1890—the *M.·. I.·.* GEORGE D. MCBRIDE, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* JOHN D. CALDWELL being Grand Recorder. Thirty-eight Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master, though lengthy, is full of interest, and shows commendable zeal and painstaking interest in the discharge of the various duties which devolved upon him. In his opening remarks, the following gratifying announcement relative to the Rite in the jurisdiction, is made; he says:—

"There have been no questions of doubt or dispute submitted to me during the year past, which would seem to indicate that peace and harmony prevail. I am gratified in being able to report the Cryptic Order in a generally healthy and prosperous condition throughout the State. From returns received up to this date, September 11th, we learn that there have been two hundred and twenty-two Companions advanced; and, after deducting the loss by death and other causes, there is a very encouraging showing of gain over last year."

The deaths of Past *M.·. I.·.* Grand Masters TIMOTHY B. FISHER and JOHN M. PARKS were reported, also of several other prominent Companions, and fraternal tributes to their memory were paid by the Obituary Committee.

The Grand Treasurer reported total receipts, $2,820.60; total disbursements, $1,278.83; balance in Treasury, $1,542.77.

A charter was granted to Delphos Council U. D., and dispensations for the formation of two new Councils were ordered. The Committee on Grievances were "pleased to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout our (their) borders," and were gratified with their "happy condition."

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted giving to Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of Subordinate Councils a membership and vote in the Grand Council, which it appears was not previously accorded them.

The Report on Correspondence is able, kind, and generous; and is again from the pen of our genial friend and Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS. The proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils and the General Grand Council received his attention, California for 1890 being of the number. He complains that we do not include in our reports on credentials the list of Grand Representatives present. Why, bless your dear soul, "it is not our style." We only report members of the Grand Council as named in the Constitution; and though it might be both courteous to them and useful to Reporters to name the Representatives, no other good could possibly result and would add a non-essential element to the report itself.

He takes us to task in another respect. He says:—

"The Grand Recorder presented credentials of Representatives from the Grand Councils of Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio (Comp. Kellogg reap-

pointed), Rhode Island, and Vermont, and the minutes read that they were *received* and accredited. We said in our opening that our Representative was *not* present. Now, Comp. CASWELL, *was he*, or are you playing that he was *received?*"

No, Comp. KELLOGG was not present; nor was he *received* in the sense in which you use the word. His credentials were, however, received by the Grand Council, and he was accredited as the Representative of Ohio. That the Companion is worthy of being received with all the honors we admit; and perhaps if present next Annual Assembly we may depart from our plain manner of doing business and "*play*" to the satisfaction of Comp. WILLIAMS. It is possible the Grand Recorder was not quite explicit enough in his minutes, and needs a "raking over the coals;" if so, we will *roast* him sure.

Comp. WILLIAMS compliments our report, and makes running extracts from various subjects contained in it. He says he is waiting "till somebody dubs *him a prince*, as they have Comp. CASWELL," etc. Well, Companion, don't wait any longer; for knowing you as we do we unhesitatingly dub you "Prince of Good Fellows and *Chief* at that." So let your cheek harden and quote all the good things said of you.

There are forty-five subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, but the number of members is not given.

The *M.·. I.·.* GRAFF M. ACKLIN, was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* JOHN D. CALDWELL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

This Grand Council held its forty-fourth Annual Assembly in the city of Bradford on the nineteenth day of February, 1890—the *M.·. I.·.* DAVID A. STEVENSON, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES E. MEYER being Grand Recorder. Nine subordinate Councils were represented.

The Mayor of Bradford was introduced and extended the hospitality of the city to the officers and members of the Grand Council, which was suitably responded to by the Grand Master.

The Address of the Grand Master is an able and interesting paper, and though lengthy—covering twenty-two pages of the proceedings—is devoted almost exclusively to matters of local interest only. Perhaps the most important subject presented was the copy of a circular issued to the Councils of the jurisdiction relative to that bane of Masonry, *Cerneauism*,—in which, after quoting the action of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, he says:—

"In order to preserve the intimate relations and the peace and harmony which exists, and which must necessarily exist, between the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council of R. and S. M. of Pennsylvania, those should not be admitted to our assemblies whom the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has declared members of a clandestine body.

If there are any members of your Council who are members of the so-called 'Cerneau Rite,' and do not withdraw from the same, you must not permit them to be present in open Council; you will also see that no visitor is admitted into your Council unless he complies with the require-

ments for the examination of a Master Mason as directed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. At the first Assembly after the receipt of this communication you will have it audibly read in open Council."

We fully agree with the following on the question of pre-requisitiou. He says:

"I am not prepared to admit a 'pre-requisite' is necessary to the life of this system of Masonry. If it has merit it will survive without leaning upon, or being bolstered up by any organization.

"It has the same right to exist as the Chapter, and the information which it gives relates to some of the most important events on which the entire Masonic system is founded; its lessons are as beautiful and instructive as can be found in any Masonic ceremonial which enrich the seekers after light, and to them it is a necessity.

"With the Lodge and Chapter it rounds out and completes the Masonic circle, each of which is a segment. The three contain the history of Ancient Craft Masonry."

He then urges upon the members of the Grand Council that they "become aggressive Cryptic Masons," and exhorts them to set an example to the Companions of constituent Councils, of diligence, industry and fidelity, which will prove of greater value than whole libraries of advice.

The decease of Past Grand Masters, GETER C. SHIDLE and JOHN L. YOUNG, were announced in feeling terms, appropriate tributes paid to their worth, and mourning pages inscribed to their memories.

The Grand Treasurer reports the comfortable balance on hand of $1,205.31.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Recorder, Comp. CHAS. E. MEYER. Twenty-two Grand Councils are kindly and fraternally reviewed, California for 1889 receiving brief mention.

We make no apology for the following extract from the introduction to his report, for we believe our Companions will agree with us, that it is a gem of rare excellence and the *thought* poetry itself—worthy of preservation. He says:—

"In the Reports of Correspondence and the Addresses of Grand Masters and Committees we find many a pearl of considerable value; and this recalls a poem by Brother Anthony O'Neal Haye, poet laureate, of Canongate, Kilwinning. It is styled

"THE PEARL.

"Far up 'mid the azure on high,
On Venus' marble brow,
There hung on the evening sky
A drop of a brilliant glow.
It hung like a diamond fair
On the front of an Eastern Queen,
A star of magnificence rare
On the breast of a summer e'en.

But a whirlwind shook the sky,
Shook the drop from Venus' brow,
Shook it off from the azure on high
To the yawning deeps below;

And the little drop sighed as it fell,
'Alas! and alack a day!
Dear land of my heart, farewell—
I will die 'mid the sons of clay.'

The little drop on the shore fell
Where the sea waves were rolling white;
An oyster had opened its shell
To drink in the juices of night.
It drank in the drop and it lay
There, 'till changed to a beautiful pearl;
A diver bold gave it to day
And the coronet bright of an earl.

Let us ne'er be disgusted with life,
Another day gladder will prove;
To-day we're in sorrow and strife,
But to-morrow may bring us a love.
For love is a gem from heaven's height,
Hid long by earth's bustle and art,
'Til' it comes forth a beautiful light,
And shrined in the joy of the heart."

Under the head of Minnesota, in referring to the Address of the Grand Master wherein is reported the healing by direction of the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States, of a Companion who received the degrees of R. and S. Master in a Chapter in the jurisdiction of Iowa, he has this to say:—

"Now, what earthly right had the General Grand Master to authorize the "healing of this member of Tabernacle Chapter of Iowa in a Council in Minneapolis? How did the General Grand Master know that he ever received any of the Council degrees?

"If this person claimed to have received the Council degrees in a Chapter in Iowa, he was clandestinely made, and no power could "heal" him, except within the jurisdiction of Iowa. Should the Grand Council of Iowa reorganize and resume its legitimate work, we claim they would have the right to "heal" the Companion, but never the General Grand Council. The Grand Council of Minnesota has sole jurisdiction in Minnesota; it could confer the degrees again upon the Companion, the same as if he had never received them, but for the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council to instruct the "healing" within the jurisdiction of a State Grand Council, although its subordinate, is most dangerous to the rights of every Grand and Subordinate Council."

From his "Conclusion" we learn with regret of the severe illness of Comp. MEYER; and sincerely hope that long e'er this the blessing of complete restoration is his. We too have felt the need of *rest;* and have been brought face to face with that deeper meaning to which he so feelingly alludes. He says:—

"Now we have finished and will *rest.*

"We have written this report with the weight of severe sickness resting upon us. It has been a source of relief to speak through the hand to our Companions, but have ever our physician's words ringing in the ears, of *Rest! Rest! Rest!*

"There is more of significance in this word to us than to those who

may read our report. Many of our friends and dear ones, too, have during the year laid down to *rest*.

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"And so it has been in years past, and so it will be in years to come. Our good friend and Brother, ALBERT PIKE, at whose feet we are wont to sit and listen to the words of eloquence and poetry as they fall from his lips there is no one who can better reach the finer feelings of a Masonic heart than he, with his communings of some eighty years; the pleasures and pains, the gladness and sorrow, the light and darkness, the friendships and unfriendships, (if we may coin a word instead of enmities)—this grand old Mason says: 'It is hardly to be expected that we, or those who succeed us, shall ever meet, after a separation of a year, without having occasion for regretful remembrance of some Brother who can no longer answer to our sign and summons, nor ever will be with us again until we also die.'"

"Life is a count of losses, every year;
For the weak are heavier crosses, every year;
Lost springs with sobs replying
Unto weary autumn's sighing,
While those we love are dying
Every year.

To the Past go more dead faces, every year;
As the loved leave vacant places, every year;
Everywhere the sad eyes meet us,
In the evening dusk they greet us,
And to come to them entreat us,
Every year."

There are twenty-one subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 1,584.

The *M.·. I.·.* JOSHUA L. LYTE was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES E. MEYER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

The fortieth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Nashville on the twenty-seventh day of January, 1890—the *M.·. I.·.* JACOB C. SMITH, JR., Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.*: JOHN FRIZZELL being Grand Recorder. Ten Past Grand Masters and the Representatives of nine subordinate Councils were present.

The Grand Master in his Address, after expressing gratitude "to the giver of every good and perfect gift for the many mercies and blessings vouchsafed during the past year," and for the happy privilege of again assembling "to deliberate upon the past and make new resolves for the future," reports that three Past Grand Officers of the Grand Council had fallen victims to the scepter of the Angel of Death since their last Annual Assembly, viz: Past Grand Masters JAMES M. CALLUM and ELIHU EDMUNSON, and Past Grand Principal Conductor of Works, D. R. GRAFTON. He says of them:—

"The work of our Companions in this life has ceased, but their acts live after them. Their words of wisdom and their influence we still have.

"Leaf by leaf are the trees of the forest deprived of their verdure. The

roses, by the same gradual and unending process, are transferred to mother earth. One by one are our Companions, tried and true, passing to the tomb. This time the grim reaper, death, gathered full ripened sheaves into the garner of eternity. Let us pause and mingle our sympathetic tears with their relatives and friends.

"May we imitate their virtuous lives and conduct so that we may receive the grim tyrant as a kind messenger sent to translate us to the celestial home prepared for the genuine lovers of the Supreme Architect of the Universe."

He reported the granting of dispensations for the formation of two new Councils, and of the "condition of the Craft," says:—

"I am impressed with the belief that Cryptic Masonry, along with the other branches of Masonry in Tennessee, is in a prosperous condition. With new Councils and with cheering words from the members of the old ones, we may expect this branch of Masonry to yet regain its former standard of usefulness and prosperity. Its present condition is very satisfactory."

There is no Report on Correspondence, and the business transacted was purely routine. This jurisdiction has eleven subordinate Councils and a total membership of 377; a gain over last year of 43.

The *M.·. I.·.* NEEDHAM F. HARRISON was elected Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* JOHN FRIZZELL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The forty-first Annual Assembly was held in the city of Nashville, on the twenty-sixth day of January, 1891—the *M.·. I.·.* NEEDHAM F. HARRISON, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* JOHN FRIZZELL being Grand Recorder. Nine Past Grand Masters, one Past Deputy Grand Master, and Representatives of ten subordinate Councils were present.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief, but excellent in quality. Of the condition of the Rite, he says:—

"Cryptic Masonry in our State has not been as successful as I could have wished in the past year, yet I feel warranted in saying we have done about as well as usual." The formation of one new Council was reported. In announcing the death of Past Grand Master BENJAMIN F. HALLER, he says:—

"Companions, it is with a sad heart I announce the death, in April last, of our Past Most Illustrious Companion BENJAMIN F. HALLER. How well and faithfully he served our Institution it is scarcely necessary to state. His name, his fame is here—a perpetual record. Still I would feel recreant to every duty were I to pass his blessed memory without calling your attention to the same. He attained the summit in our Order, as he did in every other branch of Free Masonry. He was deeply imbued with the true principles of the Craft. He made a study and close application of the same. He was an exemplar—a teacher, a good man, a patriot, just and upright in every walk of life. Alas! poor Companion HALLER; your memory will ever remain dear to us. I recommend a memorial page in our Proceedings be set apart to his memory."

In accordance with the recommendation, a memorial page was inscribed to his memory. The business transacted was wholly routine in character.

Dispensations for two new Councils were ordered. The Committee on Accounts reported a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of $115.93.

There are twelve subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 409.

The *M.·. I.·.* BERNARD A. PHILLIPS was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* JOHN FRIZZELL was re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Assembly was held in the city of Burlington on the tenth day of June, 1890—the *M.·. I.·.* HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Master, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.* WARREN G. REYNOLDS being Grand Recorder.

Nineteen subordinate Councils were represented; there were also present several Past Grand Officers, and the Representatives of seventeen Sister Grand Councils—Comp. GEORGE W. WING, California's representative, being of the number.

The Address of the Grand Master is a model paper. In his opening he says:—

"As the ancient faithful people went up to the Holy City in yearly meeting to unite in the worship of their God and renew their consecration to Him and their allegiance to each other, so do we in a less degree meet here during this week to attest our loyalty to an institution whose foundation is the worship of the Great I Am, and whose practical working is with charity to all and malice toward none. While an institution so conceived and so matured must prosper, yet we cannot but unite in gratitude and thanksgiving to the All-ruler that He has so ordered affairs that all our ways are pleasantness and all our paths are peace. A goodly, that is, a Godly thing it is, brethren, to be thankful.'

And counsels them that as they meet to devise plans for better work in the future, "let us admit to our councils only the spirit of brotherly kindness, and the spirit of devotion to our craft." Further on, he thus strikingly illustrates the condition of the rite:—

"The condition of our rite is good. The physician deems the patient convalescent when he shows *some gain*, from day to day though it be but slight; strength and recovery will surely attend on continued improvement. More subordinate Councils have reported work this past year than during the preceding one; and more Companions in the aggregate have been advanced. Life and prosperity belong to most of the Councils, but some few evidently never will know that they are dead until the last trump shall wake them from their sleep. They remind us of the venerable spinster of uncertain age who purchased a mummy, and, placing it in the corner, remarked that it was better to have a man in the house if he was somewhat old and wrinkled. So some of these Companions will find that they have a Council indeed but preserved from decay not by the vitality of a living body but embalmed in the bands of its charter and the traditions of long ago. It was the thought of the ancient Egyptians that after a season of transmigration the soul would return to these inanimate bodies and again restore them to life and activity, so we may trust that the spirit that moved these councils at their formation and during their period of

labor may return to rejuvenate their old and wrinkled carcasses. Let us not bury them for we know not how long the disembodied spirits may be condemned to wander before returning to their proper abode."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $229.07.

The Report on Correspondence is from the able and experienced pen of Comp. FREDERICK SHUBAEL FISHER. The proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, and the General Grand Council are reviewed, California for 1889 receiving a generous share of his attention. He quotes freely and approvingly from the Address of Grand Master MERRITT, and from our report for that year, and especially compliments Comp. MERRITT "for his stand and faithfulness in speaking for the Cryptic Rite at the banquets of the Mystic Shrine." And adds, "if there is room for these attachments to Masonry, surely then for our Rite of the Arches."

Our Grand Master's comments on the Super-Excellent degree are thus referred to:—

"We are glad to read these words on the Super-Excellent degree, as we are astonished to read, sometimes slurs on a degree, which teaches the square, the circle and the triangle."

We would gladly follow our Companion further in his interesting report, but time and space forbid.

There are twenty subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, but as usual the total of members is nowhere given. Being somewhat curious on the subject we have, *for this once*, footed Grand Recorder REYNOLDS column of members and find the total membership to be 937.

The *M.·. I.·.* ORRIN W. ORCUTT was elected Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* WARREN G. REYNOLDS was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

This closes our report, and as we turn from our finished task, it is with the cheering conviction that the Cryptic Rite has been more prosperous during the past year, than for many, very many previous years. Its merits and beauties are becoming more thoroughly understood and appreciated, and it is but natural that the cause for this happy result—in our opinion the General Grand Council—will continue to operate until the Rite shall attain the rank, power and influence it deserves, and become the *equal* of the other branches of our American system of Freemasonry. *So mote it be.*

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
For the Committee.

On motion of Comp. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year was ordered. The Grand Master having appointed Companions EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN and EUGENE CORMENY to act as tellers, the election proceeded, with the following result:—

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE was elected Grand Master;
" *R.·. I.·.* DAVID PUGH MARSHALL was elected Deputy Grand Master.
" " " GEORGE PENLINGTON was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Works;
" " " FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer;
" " " THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Council was then called off until two o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Monday, April 20, Anno Dep. 2891.

The Grand Council was called on at two o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the special committee to whom had been referred the Address of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Our Illustrious Grand Master has made his report of the transactions for the year in our jurisdiction, and your committee are pleased to record the faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties devolving upon him under our organic law. He has visited his constituent bodies and endeavored to inspire them with a portion of his zeal in the cause of Cryptic Masonry. He has been a most faithful missionary, and we bespeak for him the thanks of this Grand Body.

The Grand Master communicates with sad feelings the too frequent recurring information that Death has been with us again, and that since our last annual meeting the Silent Reaper has taken from our mystic circle our venerable and well beloved Past Illustrious Grand Masters ADOLPHUS HOLLUB and WILLIAM E. OUGHTON, Past Grand Principal Conductor of the Work EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS, and Past Grand Chaplain OSGOOD CHURCH WHEELER, with Ill. Comp. MORTIMER C. ALLEN, the Illustrious Master of Shasta Council, No. 6, and we recommend that a special committee of three be named to prepare and present a proper memorial of our distinguished dead for publication in the proceedings of the present session.

We have examined the official decisions of the Illustrious Grand Master, and believing them in accordance with our law recommend their approval without further reference.

In the matter of the surrender of the charter of Sonora Council, No. 5,

we recommend that the surrender be not accepted—that no final action be had, but that the entire subject be left with the illustrious Grand Master elect who may be able to substitute for surrender the removal of said Council to some desirable locality, and its number be thereby retained upon the roll of this Grand Council.

We would also place in his hands the memorial from our Companions at Yreka, Siskiyou County, investing him with the authority needed to restore or preserve the old organization at Yreka and to report his acts at our next Annual Assembly.

The Grand Master's report of the condition of the Cryptic rite is that it is prosperous and progressive, can stand alone, in short is on the full tide of successful establishment.

As to the ritual in the hands of the Grand Master we are confident it will be completed at the earliest practical date.

Before closing we desire to express to the Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Council our thanks for his attendance at this session in his impaired state of health. We feel that he has sacrificed his comfort to his sense of duty, and we pray that it result not to his disadvantage.

The Grand Recorder's duties have been performed under adverse conditions, that worthy Companion having been visited with an infliction that divested his right hand, for a time, of its usual cunning, and he had to register cold, sober facts with his left, however, an improvement is visible and we trust permanent; he has done us good service and we can't spare him or his reports. So continue them, Comp. CASWELL and we will ever pray, etc.

WM. A. DAVIES,
J. H. NEFF.

Which report was concurred in, and the recommendations were adopted.

The Grand Master thereupon appointed the following Companions as a special Committee:

On Decease of Past Grand Officers: Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, " EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, " FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,

Comp. GEORGE PENLINGTON, from the Committee on Finances and Returns, presented the following report:

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Finance and Returns beg leave to report that they have made a thorough examination of the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and find the same to be correct.

The vouchers and papers were in proper order, and the amount of cash in the Grand Treasurer's hands is $341.05. We would commend the Grand Officers on the systematic manner in which their accounts have been kept.

Your Committee would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Grand Recorder's salary	$225 00
Grand Sentinel's salary	10 00
Grand Organist's salary	10 00
Contingent expenses of Grand Recorder's office	50 00
Printing proceedings	100 00
Expenses of Grand Master to visit Subordinate Councils	200 00
	$595 00

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,
HENRY ASCROFT,
} *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in, and the appropriations were ordered as recommended.

Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, made a verbal report that no business had come before that Committee, and that peace, harmony and good will prevailed throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz:

The *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE.....as....*Grand Chaplain;*
" " " CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT as....*Grand Capt. of the Guards;*
" " " WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS as....*Grand Conductor of Council:*
" " " CHARLES LORD FIELD....as....*Grand Lecturer;*
" " " HENRY ASCROFT.....as....*Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER..as....*Grand Organist;*
" " JAMES OGLESBY.....as....*Grand Sentinel;*

The Grand Officers were then installed in their respective stations by Past Grand Master CHARLES LORD FIELD, assisted by Past Grand Master DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE as Master of the Ceremonies.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Special Committee on the decease of Past Grand Officers presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Memorial Committee have, in the discharge of the mournful duty assigned them, been profoundly impressed with the apparent application of various truisms which force themselves upon our attention to impress us more fully with the certainty that the day of mourning will come to all, that as "the buried grain of wheat must die" so we must pass through the dark valley before beholding the mystic light which shall

light our pathway forever. "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble; he cometh forth as a flower and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not." The Almighty fiat applies to all: "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return." The thirtieth year of our existence as a Grand Council has been remarkable for the frequent visitations of the unseen power. It came as a thief in the night and our Companions are with us no longer—they have crossed the dark river to rest awhile and await our coming. Death has taken from us during the past year four of our Past Grand Officers and one of the prominent Thrice Illustrious Masters of our jurisdiction: Past Grand Masters HOLLUB, PRESTON and OUGHTON, and Past Principal Conductor of the Work WILKINS; these, with our past Thrice Ill. Master ALLEN, of Shasta Council, No. 6, fill our full measure of sorrow for their loss.

ADOLPHUS HOLLUB was one of the organizers of this Grand Council in 1862. He was a pioneer in Masonry on the Pacific Coast, being one of the visiting brethren in attendance on Grand Lodge at its session of November, 1850. He was appointed Grand Lecturer in 1851, being at that time a member of Jennings Lodge, No. 4, of Sacramento. He was elected Senior Grand Warden at the session of 1852, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of California in 1862, and the same year he was elected Grand Master of this Grand Council. He was a God-fearing man. One who not only knew the right but followed it; with him precept and example went hand in hand. He was a regular attendant upon the sessions of the Grand Council, Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge, where his absence will be marked, especially by the few now left who were with him in those bodies in the early days. He was born in Bohemia, Empire of Austria, September 20, 1819, and died at his home in this city May 25, 1890.

ALVIN BACON PRESTON was an enthusiastic student of the Cryptic Rite, and after filling most of the subordinate stations was chosen Grand Master in 1867. He was made a Mason in Saint James Lodge, No. 54, at Jamestown, Tuolumne County, in 1861, of which he was elected Master in 1865 and served in posts of honor for eleven successive years. He was High Priest of Sonora Chapter, No. 2, in 1875, and was Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of California in 1874. He was one of the earliest members of the Scottish Rite on the Pacific Coast, and ranked as an Illustrious Brother of the 32d degree. Brother PRESTON was a fine specimen of physical manhood. He was above the ordinary stature and endowed with the magnetic attraction inherited by few. He led a busy life and was constantly in communication with the individual members of the community in which he lived for forty years. His good name is safe with his neighbors of Tuolumne County. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in the year 1830, and was sixty years of age at the time of his death, September 8th, 1890.

WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON was born in New York City in the year 1832. He was made a Mason in Concord Lodge, No. 117, of Sacramento, Cal., in

the year 1874, and after an active Masonic career in which he filled the various positions in Lodge, Chapter and Council; was elected Grand Master of this Grand Council in 1889. Although of an unusually modest and retiring disposition, Companion OUGHTON thoroughly completed any work undertaken by him. His quiet deportment was full of earnest meaning and his loss is deeply regretted by the fraternity of Sacramento with whom he was so intimately associated and by whom his services were so thoroughly appreciated. He died at his home in Sacramento on the 30th day of May, 1890.

Of our Ill. Comp. EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS, your Committee have been unable to obtain the history of his early life and can only record his affiliation with Marysville Lodge, No. 9, in 1852. He became a member in succeeding years of Marysville Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Marysville Council of Royal and Select Masters, and in the year 1874 was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in this Grand Council. He died February 10, 1891.

Of Companion MORTIMER CHERBERRY ALLEN, Past Th. Ill. Master of Shasta Council, No. 6, we can only record the loss to the Cryptic Rite of an enthusiastic, devoted member, and the entire fraternity an intelligent and faithful brother.

"Here another guest we bring
Seraphs of Celestial wing,
To our funeral altar come.
Waft a friend and brother home."

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,
EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,
} *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in, and mourning pages to the memory of the Companions were ordered.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee:—

On Correspondence:
Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
" EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,
" DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE.

The business of the Grand Council being all completed, the minutes of the session were read and approved, and the Grand Council of California was closed in Ample Form.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,
Grand Master.

Attest:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

This Mourning Page,

BY ORDER OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

M.·. I.·. Adolphus Hollub,

Who was born in Bohemia, Empire of Austria, on the twentieth day of September, 1819, and who died in San Francisco, State of California, on the twenty-fifth day of May, 1890.

HE HAD BEEN

Master of San Francisco Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. M.;
High Priest of San Francisco Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.;
Th. Ill. Master of California Council, No. 2, R. & S. M.

HE HAD ALSO BEEN

Grand Lecturer and Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of California;

Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons,

AND

GRAND MASTER

Of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California.

"The good deeds left behind him
Will form a chain to bind him
To us who linger here;
And oh! the love of knowing
The good he's sown is growing,
And the harvest from his sowing
Increases with each year."

This Mourning Page,

BY ORDER OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

M.·. I.·. Alvin Bacon Preston,

Who was born in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut, in the year 1830, and who died in Jamestown, State of California, on the eighth day of September, 1890.

HE HAD BEEN

Master of Tuolumne Lodge, No. 8, F. & A. M.;
High Priest of Sonora Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M.;
Th. Ill. Master of Sonora Council, No. 5, R. & S. M.;
Commander of Pacific Commandery, No. 3, K. T.

HE HAD ALSO BEEN

Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar,

AND

GRAND MASTER

Of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California.

An honored and useful citizen,
A Mason of generous thoughts and charitable deeds,
He leaves us nought but pleasant memories,
A grief for his untimely death.

This Mourning Page,

BY ORDER OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

M.·.I.·. William Edward Oughton,

Who died in the City of Sacramento, State of California, on the thirtieth day of May, 1890.

HE HAD BEEN

Master of Concord Lodge, No. 117, F. & A. M.;

High Priest of Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, R. A. M.;

Th. Ill. Master of Sacramento Council, No. 1, R. & S. M.

AND

GRAND MASTER

Of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California.

" Death is another life, we bow our heads
At going out; we think to enter straight
Another golden chamber of the king,
Larger than this we leave, and lovlier;
The will of God is in all."

In Memoriam.

R.·. J.·. Edmund Taylor Wilkins,

PAST GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK,

Died in the City of Napa, State of California, on the tenth day of February, 1890.

Rev. & R.·. J.·. Osgood Church Wheeler,

PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN,

Born on the thirteenth day of March, 1819,

Died in the City of Oakland, State of California, on the sixteenth day of April, 1891.

Comp. Mortimer Cherberry Allen,

TH. ILL. MASTER OF SHASTA COUNCIL, NO. 6,

Died in Shasta, State of California, on the nineteenth day of January, 1891.

"One by one,
We, too, must come to the river side;
One by one,
We are nearer its water each eventide."

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

A. D. 1891, A. Dep. 2891.

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Harry Ingham, *Ill. Master*, William Buckley Davis, *Recorder*,
Richard Vaughn, *D. Ill. Master*, Edward Sutherland Rego, *C. of Guard*
Christopher Little, *Prin. Con. of W'ks* William Hewson Davis, *Conductor*,
William Buchanan Miller, *Treasurer*, August Meister, *Steward*,
George Frederick Bronner, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Powell Samuel Lawson, *P. G. M.*, Joseph Davey,
William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*, Edwin Glover,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*, John Hurley,
Cornelius Kellogg, William Hewson Davis,
William Alexander January.

SELECT MASTERS:

Abbott, Augustus
Allen, Robert
Alltucker, Henry
Andrews, John Nichols
Baldwin, William Hedges
Bartels, George Henry William
Bergevin, Nelson Langevin
Berkey, Thomas Henry
Birdsall, Frederick Wheeler
Bisbee, John Gould
Bittancourt, Thomas Maria
Block, Maurice
Boyd, John Walter
Brown, Byron Bradley
Brown, Jay Roshell
Bugby, Benjamin Norton
Burnett, Augustus
Burnham, James Henry
Burr, Richard Palmer
Bush, George Thomson

Butler, Stephen William
Calderwood, Job Francis
Carey, John Thomas
Carroll, Edgar Barclay
Carroll, Harry Winans
Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, Bernard Henry
Chapman, George Warren
Church, William Smithers
Clark, Jerome Franklin
Cluness, William Robert
Cohn, Edward Francis
Coker, Gould Carlton
Coleman, Edward
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin
Conaway, George Winfield
Cothrin, William Kip
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cunningham, John Austin
Curtis, Henry Chittendon
Dale, Richard
Davis, James Gilliland
Decker, Horace Washington
Delano, Ira Lemuel
Dennery, Alphonse
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Dierssen, George Ernest August
Dixon, William Henry
Dresbach, William
Dresher, Valentine
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Fay, Newton Murray
Ferguson, William Redmond
Flemming, Frank
Flye, Charles Eben
Forbes, Robert
Foster, James Stewart
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frank, Samuel
Frates, Frank
Frazee, Robert Smith
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frost, Amos Locke
Fulweiler, John Mathias
Gable, Harvey Clinton
Gagnon, Alfred
Gallatin, Albert
Gardiner, Alexander John
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew, Jr.
Gillis, Dougald
Gottlieb, Samuel
Gregory, Eugene Julius
Gregory, Frank
Gruhler, John
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Moshiem Schmucker
Hammond, Edwin
Harper, Thomas
Harris, David
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, James Darrow
Hatch, Wilbur Mark
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heintzeman, Taylor Washington
Herzog, Philip
Hevener, William Henry
Hillier, Theodore
Hollister, Dwight
Hollenbeck, Orrin Whitcomb
Hoover, Benjamin Van Zandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Howell, Sidney Algernon
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Huggins, Henri Tyler
Hull, Joseph
Hunt, John Alexander
Hyman, Daniel
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, William Franklin

Jacobs, Louis
Jenkins, Charles Asberry
Johnston, William
Jones, William Rowland
Just, John Peter
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Krebs, Charles Henry
Lardner, William Bransen
Levison, Jacob
Lewis, Samuel Amanzo
Lightner, Bonus
Lyon, Edward
Lubeck, David Wlademer
Lufkin, Harry Tileston
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McArthur, John
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McKee, Edwin Hervey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
Menke, Anton
Miller, Frederick
Mills, James Edgar
Nathan, Samuel
Neff, Jacob Hart
Nelson, Clarence Newton
Nevis, Manuel Silva
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Ochsner, John
Oliver, Alexander Gibson
O'Neil, James
Pacheco, Romualdo
Parsons, Charles Robert
Peterson, William Frederick
Phillips, Louis
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Pockman, Thomas Cross
Putnam, George Alfred
Richards, John
Roberts, Robert William
Robinson, Robert
Rohrer, Frederick William
Ross, Henry Ackson
Runyon, Solomon
Scroth, John George
Scott, Lemuel Pervine
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Joshua Hughes
Smith, Thomas
Stanley, Leander
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stephens, John Dickson
Stevens, Charles Henry
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Sweany, John
Talbot, John
Taverner, George
Taverner, Thomas Moore
Todd, Thomas Milton
Tubbs, John Charles
Tufts, Albert Currier
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Variel, Robert Henry Fountleroy
Vaughn, Cornelius Lewis Neville
Vermilya, Abram John
Webster, Joseph Richard
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Whitelaw, John
White, George Amos
Wilder, Joel Osgood
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Young, John Nelles—210

WITHDRAWN:

Bishop, Orlando Lusk—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Barrett, John
Metcalf, Charles Wesley
Witham, Gilbert Tapley—3.

EXCLUDED:

Miller, John Henry
Steinman, Elias Ulmer
VanKirk, John Claremont
Willey, Henry Ide—4.

DIED:

Dixon, Michael Septimus
Hoehn, Jacob
Oughton, William Edward
Summers, Andrew Good—4.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	221	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	1—222	Suspend for non-pay't dues	3
		Excluded	4
		Died	4
		Now borne upon the roll	210—222

SAN FRANCISCO COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Potter Cressey, *Th. Ill. M.*,
Henry Ascroft, *D. Ill. Mas.*,
Joseph Gardner Baston, *P. C. of W.*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Treasurer*,
George Johnson, *Recorder*,
Charles Lewis Patton, *C. of Guard*,
Robert Ash, *Conductor*,
Paul Breon, *Steward*,
Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
James Oglesby, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Thomas Kyle,
Franklin Henry Day
Charles Lord Field,
David Pugh Marshall,
Isaac Stanwood Locke,
George Penlington,
Edward Potter Cressey.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Adolph
Ames, Frank Holmes
Anderson, James Wright
Andrews, Abraham
Anthony, Edward Taylor
Armstrong, George Robert
Armstrong, Rudolph
Atkinson, Thomas Thompson
Badger, William Gilman
Baker, Charles Henry
Baldwin, Alfred Walton
Baldwin, Sherman Charles
Bangs, Edward
Barclay, Henry Robert
Barclay, Peter Thomas
Barrows, Charles Dana
Bassett, Charles Follen
Baum, David Andrew

Bingham, William Alexander
Birch, William Henry
Black, Howard
Blake, Charles Edward
Blossom, Henry Eckford
Bone, Charles
Bonney, Charles Sumner
Boop, John Daniel
Bragg, Robert
Brinckerhoff, Herman
Broder, Robert Chidley
Bromley, George Tisdale
Browell, Jeremiah
Brown, Henry Adams
Brown, William Anderson
Brown, William Graham
Browne, John Mills
Bruns, Henry Bernhard
Burt, James Gardner
Burtis, Robert Wallace
Calier, James *M*
Callinan, William
Campbell, Frederick
Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Carr, John George
Chapin, Dinsmore Davis
Charles, Abner Elias
Chesley, Charles Palmer
Christesen, Martin August C.
Christian, Ceasar
Clark, John Franklin
Clawson, Henry Augustus
Clement, Joseph
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Coburn, Clarence Wooster
Code, Philip *D*
Cohen, Philip
Cole, Richard Beverly
Coleman, Carlton Chinn
Coleman, William Warren
Cressy, Albert
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Charles Frederic
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Crouch, Robert
Crowley, Timothy Jay
Culver, James Henry
Cummings, Henry Adison
Curry, John
Curtis, John Morrison
Dall, Peter Peterson
Daniel, William Lyon
Davis, Jacob Zeigler
Davis, Winfield Scott
Dean, Peter
Decker, Charles William
Dennis, Samuel William
Dietterle, George
Doane, John Osborne
Doane, Micah
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dorn, Marcellus Americus
Doud, Aaron
Dougherty, Charles Medley
Douglas, George Willard
Driffield, Vero Carus
Duncan, Benjamin Beatly
Dunn, James
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edelman, Charles
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edmondson, John George
Edwards, Henry
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Edwards, William Harvey
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Eklund, John Peter
Elliot, Charles Emery
Everett, Daniel Henry
Ewen, Oliver
Falls, Richard James
Fargo, Earl Alexander
Fargo, Jerome Bonaparte
Farrell, Edward
Field, Alfred Bishop
Filkins, Charles Wesley
Firth, Joseph Kirk
Fisher, Henry

Fiske, Henry Mortimer
Flint, Brilsford Pease
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Folger, George Edwin
Foster, Arthur William
Fox, John *G*
Frank, George Washington
Frank, Samuel Houston
Frenzel, Godman August
Frolich, Theodore
Gagnon, Michael
Gallagher, John Patrick
Gamble, Samuel
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Giles, Frederick *N*
Goldwater, Morris
Goodban, Francis Edward
Goud, George Lamb
Graham, Thomas Gardner
Graham, William Findley
Grant, Alexander
Graves, Charles Henry
Graves, Hiram Augustus
Graves, Hiram Throop
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Greenhood, William Oscar
Griffin, John Wesley
Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn
Gritman, Charles Ray
Grossetta, Martin
Gullixson, Henry Ferdinand
Haas, David Leopold
Hager, George
Halstead, James LaFayette
Hammond, Andrew Benoni
Hammond, John
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hansen, Carl Christian A.
Hatch, Augustus Timothy
Hatch, James Henry
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Highton, Henry Edward
Hildebrandt, Carsten
Hobe, Adolphus Augustus
Hoffman, Henry Nathaniel
Holden, Samuel Emery
Hopkins, Peter
Hopkins, Timothy
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howard, Charles Shelby
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Hurlbut, Reuben Preston
Iredale, Charles Winslow
Jeffers, Milo Sydney
Jeffray, William
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin
Jenks, George Washington
Jennings, Charles Brooks
Jennings, James Hazelton
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, John Munroe
Johnson, Mathias
Jones, William Arthur
Jones, William Roderick
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Jost, Joseph
Jost, William Reinhard
Kenney, Augustus Reid
Kenyon, Curtis George
Kern, Morris James
Kerr, David
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Charles James
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Knight, Edmund Ewell
Kohler, Henry
Kohn, Isaack
Kreig, Anton
Lane, William Edmund
Lawson, Andrew
Lazelle, Henry Daniel
Levy, Isidore Nathan
Levy, Jacob

Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Lind, Charles
Litchfield, Joseph Miller
Little, George Edward
Lloyd, Reuben Hedley
Loane, Francis Marion
Logan, Milburne Hill
Logan, Thomas Emerson
Lo Presti, Anthony
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lucas, John William
Lucas, Walter Edward
Lux, Frank Antoin
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lyon, William Henry
Mack, John George
Magnin, Simson
Martinez, Francis Nich. Raoul
McCarty, James
McClure, Stewart
McCreary, Daniel
McCullough, Henry Van Schaick
McFarland, Abel
McGann, Patrick Henry
McGeorge, William Connolly
McKay, Thomas
McLea, Arthur
McMillan, Robert
McNab, James
Mecklenberg, Joseph
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Meigs, John *J*
Mentz, John Henry
Meston, Robert
Meyer, Julius
Mills, Edward Tyrrel Bisset
Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Moore, Arthur Weld
Moraghan, Michael Bolan
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, Charles Augustus
Morgan, David
Morrow, William *W*
Morshead, John White
Mouser, Silas Mercer
Muller, John
Murdock, George Leonard
Nash, Charles
Neal, George Folger
Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Nixon, James Henry
Noonen, John
Norcross, Daniel
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Osborn, Lamartine
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Parmelee, James Edward
Partridge, Charles
Peck, Philip
Peckham, William Henry
Phillips, William Rippard
Plummer, Cyrus Moody
Polastri, Richard Steven
Popham, James William
Prag, Martin
Price, Arthur Faraday
Price, Thomas
Prince, Henry Gilman
Ramage, Walter James
Redmond, Michael Francis
Ridgway, Frazier
Riley, John Francis
Robertson, William Alexander
Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Roskruge, George James
Ross, Donald
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Salsbury, Charles
Schmidt, Valentine
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Ebenezer
Seidel, Philipp
Sexton, Warren
Seymour, Simon Harry
Shattuck, Charles Curtis

Sheldon, George Edwin
Sibley, Levi Butler
Simpson, James
Slack, Charles William
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.
Smith, James Jerome
Smith, William Frederick
Smith, William Jacob
Soule, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, George
Spaulding, James Garfield
Spear, Gustavus Langford
Spear, Lewis Eugene
Speier, Bernard
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stark, William Alexander
Steiger, Charles Rudolph
Stern, Louis
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Swannack, Daniel
Swift, Samuel
Taber, Jacob Spooner
Tait, William Cave
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thompson, George Howard
Thornton, Samuel Kennedy
Trainor, Louis Howard
Triest, Bernard
Troppman, Charles Martin
Tuohy, John
Vanderhurst, William
Veen, Frank Joseph
Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, James Greig
Warburton, Samuel
Ward, William
Warwick, James Blain
Waterhouse, Frederick Adelbert
Weller, Henry Olp
Wells, Asa Reynolds
Wever, Lewis *J*
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
White, Jonathan Lloyd
White, Thomas Benton
Whittier, James Eugene
Wiley, George Adrian
Wilson, John McFarland
Winter, Washington General
Woodlock, John
Young, Shirley Trever
Young, William
Younger, William John—364

EXCLUDED:

Dinsmore, Robert —1.

DIED:

Armstrong, Robert Bleakley
Burges, Tristam
Hawley, Charles Augustus
Hollub, Adolphus
Kohlman, Solomon
McMath, Joseph—6

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	352	Excluded	1
Greeted	18	Died	6
Affiliated	1—371	Now borne upon the roll	364—371

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles *E* Stone, *Th. Ill. Master*, Francis Wm. Howard Aaron, *Rec'rdr*,
Amasa Wiley White, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*, William Flint Peacock, *C. of Guards*,
Samuel Josiah Smith Rogers, *P.C. W.*, Alexander Cameron Irwin, *Conductor*,
Marcus Marcuse, *Treasurer*, Thomas Hugh Kernan, *Steward*.
Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Caldwell Belcher,
William Lee Lawrence,
Henry Holcombe Rhees,
Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Andrew Jackson Binney,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Edmund Taylor Wilkins,
Lemuel Trescott Crane.

SELECT MASTERS:

Asher, Alexander Branch
Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Barnes, Avery Power
Baxter, John
Belknap, F. G.
Blackburn, George *W*
Brown, Josiah Perkins
Burchard, John Luther
Carpenter, George Washington
Clements, William Andrew
Crew, Alexander Hill
Deaner, Samuel Christian
Dobbins, Thomas
Duncan, John Lewis
Eastman, James Fred
Ellis, William Turner
Elwell, William
Fagan, Edward
Faulkner, Charles
Fimbreth, Arthur Francis
Fisher, Charles Lester
Goad, William Frank
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Haynes, James
Hochstadter, Simon
Hunter, William
Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Knight, David Edgar
Krause, Frederick Low
Leining, John Henry
Logan, Anderson Dabney
Lowery, William Andrew
Molineux, Henry
Morgan, Emanuel Briggs
McFarlane, James Clark
McLellan, John George
Peacock, James Richard
Patterson, George
Peck, William Francis
Roberts, John Henry
Rideout, Norman Dunning
Reece, Thomas White
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Saye, George Marion
Schuler, Conrad
Seely, John Ambrose
Slingsby, William
Spencer, Stephen
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Vanderwarker, Abner *K*
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Woodworth, Homer Allen

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EXCLUDED:

Raish, Charles—1

DIED:

Miller, Alexander — Stokes, William Charles—2

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	74	Excluded	1
Greeted	2—76	Died	2
		Now borne upon the roll	73—76

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

(No Returns.)

SHASTA COUNCIL. No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

——— ———, *Th. Ill. Master*, Daniel Potter Bystle, *Recorder*,
Albert Frederick Ross, *Dep. Ill. M.*, John Sale Strode, *C. of the Guard*,
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*, Gunther F. C. Schroter, *Conductor*,
John Varner Scott, *Treasurer*, Morris Mehon, *Steward*,
William Andrew, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle, William Ely Hopping,
Adolph Dobrowsky,

SELECT MASTERS:

Andrews, Alexander Robertson	Greene, Thomas
Black, Peter Peterson	Griggs, Sidney Allen
Blossom, Robert Hurd	Hall, Joseph *N*
Bratten, John Michael	Kimball, Gorham Gates
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus	Lowden, William Spencer
Cahoon, William Brower	Martin, Rufus Franklin
Chase, Guy Horatio	McCoy, Leo Lewis
Clements, John	Miller, Thomas Love
Duhig, Louis James	Mitchell, Marshall Alexander
Esseck, Belty	Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Given, William Cushing	Nethercott, Robert

Nichols, James Levin
Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Paulson, Jacob
Reynolds, John Edward
Ross, Herman Frederick
Rowles, James
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Shearin, Daniel Thomas
Smith, Champion *W*
Souter, John
Sweeny, Edward
Syme, John
Taylor, Clay Webster
Tyler, Jonathan Cooper
Weil, David
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses—50

WITHDRAWN:

Cushing, John—1

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Anderson, Charles
Crawford, Isaac Samuel
Majors, John Newton
Taggart, Grant Israel—4

DIED:

Allen, Mortimer Cherberry
Guptill, William Neal
Kingsley, George Leeman
Lee, Bruce Benjamin
Lord, Ulysses Richard—5

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	60	Withdrawn	1
		Suspended for non-pay't dues	4
		Died	5
		Now borne upon the roll	50—60

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9.

Helena, Montana Territory.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Booker, *Recorder*,
William McClatchy, *Dep. Ill. Master*, William Henry McCann, *Capt. of G.*
William Dulin Smith, *P. C. of Works*, James W. Hathaway, *Conductor*,
John Wilson Thompson, *Treasurer*, Francis Doremus Jones, *Steward*,
John C. Major, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornelius Hedges,
Walter E. Frederick,
John C. Major
James W. Hathaway,
Harry R. Comley,
William McClatchy,
Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS :

Atchison, Jehu Baker
Boardman, William Theodore
Cook, Andrew B.
Cowden, Henry
Easterly, Allen M.
Evans, Henry D.
Fisk, Andrew J.
Folk, Benjamin Woodhull Strong
Fox, Jonathan N.
Greenhood, Isaac
Guthrie, Henry H.
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Jones, Louis L.
Jury, William
Kennon, Richard T.
Kirkendall, Hugh
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.
Knight, Edward W.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McKnight, Albert Gallatin
Murphy, John
Neill, Edward D., Jr.
Nolan Cornelius B.
Reed, Henry S.
Reese, Hugh
Reinig, Michael
Robinson, Jeremiah
Schwab, Samuel
Scheuer, Frederick V.
Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Walker, Jacob Longacre
Weisenhorn, August
Whitworth, Alfred
Wood, George R.
Wulff, Iver

—53.

DIED:

Bullard, William Reed—1

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report	50	Died	1
Greeted	2	Now borne upon the roll	53
Affiliated	2—54		—54

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Richards Hedges, *T. Ill. M.*, John Milton La Rue, *Recorder*,
Geo. Alexander McKenzie, *D. Ill. M.*, Henry Ephraim Robbins, *C. of Guard*,
Winfield Webster Prugh, *P.C. Works*, John Garwood, *Conductor*,
William Graham, *Treasurer*, Archibald Leitch, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Howe, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies,
Isaac Sutvene Titus,
Edward Richards Hedges,
Alexander Chalmers.

SELECT MASTERS:

Abernethy, William Alexander
Bachmann, Carl August
Barber, Joseph Martin
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Batchelder, Benjamin Pierce
Beede, William Morris Stewart
Brown, Phillip Thomas
Caine, John
Castle, Christopher Champlin
Cavis, Joseph Mills
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Cotterell, William
Craig, Howard Milton
Cunningham, Thomas
Dalby, Samuel Price
Dorrance, Henry Tully
Dorsey, Caleb
Elliott, Lyman Weston
Fanning, Howard Malcolm
Fortune, James Pulaski
Fraser, Philip Barry
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Harrison, Norval
Harrison, William Bruce
Haslacher, Jacob
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Hurd, Columbus
Jory, John
Kahn, Louis
Kerr, Benjamin Eadie
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Kirkland, William
Langridge, George Washington
Lehe, Eugene
Lothrop, Isaac
McGuffick, William
McKinnon, Angus
Milco, Nicola
Moore, Stephen Baldy
Noble, Arthur Morgan
O'Brien, John Henry
Payne, George Albert
Peters, Joseph Daphine
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Andrew Joseph
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Rucker, Hiram Newton
Russell, Richard William
Scott, Edward
Shaw, Henry Coffin
Sherman, Edwin Brown
Shurtleff, George Augustus
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Stone, William Henry
Swain, Cornelius
Wallace, Hamilton
Waterman, Solomon
Woods, John Newton
Yardley, John—76

DIED:

Reid, Robert King
Tilghman, George—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	71	Died.....	2
Greeted	7—78	Now borne upon the roll...—	76—78

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

August Wackerbarth, *Th. Ill. Master*, Robert Drought, *Recorder*,
Horatio Sutton Parcels, *D. I. Master*, William Orange Burr, *C. of Guards.*
Charles Wilson Bush, *P. C. W.*, William Thomas Jeffries, *Conductor*,
Henry Sayre Orme, *Treasurer*, Ambrogio Vignolo, *Steward*,
John McIlmoil, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme,
Horatio Sutton Parcels,
Julius Brousseau,
Norton Filmore Story,
August Wackerbarth.

SELECT MASTERS:

Allen, Gabriel
Alexander, Henry Nash
Bell, James Edgar Stevenson
Bernstein, Jacob Alfred
Bicknell, John Dustin
Biscailuz, Martin Vincent
Branch, James Franklin
Bright, Joseph Shannon
Brodtbeck, Otto
Brooks, Daniel William
Bullis, Omri
Burbank, David
Campbell, John Mis
Clemens, Andrew
Craigue, Solon William
Crawford, James Seth
Cummings, William George
Dearing, Octavus *A*
Denker, Andrew Henry
Dornfield, Ferdinand Emil
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry
Fiscus, Joseph
Fisher, Charles Locke
Freeman, Edwin Herbert
Hamilton, Albert Newell
Haskell, John Condit
Heartt, Charles Lawrence
Henderson, William Hutchinson
Hewitt, Eldridge Edward
Hinds, George
Hunt, James Shelley
Iaeger, Louis John Frederick
Illich, Gerolomo
Jacobs, Lewis
Jewett, Stanley Punchardon
Jordon, Franklin
Knickerbocker, Niles
Lambie, William Thomas
Lazzarevich, Giovanni
Leake, Edward
Levy, Michael
McKanna, Patrick Augustine
McManis, John Rodman
Meyer, Samuel
Miles, David Edwin
Morgan, William Adams
Mullard, Richard Thomas
Munro, David
Murray, John Emmett
Philips, William Spiller
Polaski, Lewis
Reiser, Theodore
Reynolds, John Jefferson
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Santee, Milton
Skinner, John Maxwell
Smith, Henry Augustus

Smith, Ira Bacon
Spence, Edward Fallis
Strohm, Thomas
Sutherland, David Munroe
Valiant, George Francis
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Whitson, Levi Henry
Wiggins, Wilson Robert
Williams, Romayne
Wilson, Thomas Jonathan
Woodbury, Francis Chute—84

DIED:

Hammel, Henry
Knox, George Crockett—2

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....83
Greeted..... 3—86
Died..... 2
Now borne upon the roll...84—86

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Eugene Cormeny, *T. I. Master*,
John Wm. McClymonds, *Recorder*,
William Clay Smith, *D. Ill. Master*,
William Henry Craig, *Capt. of Guard*
Newton Alex Koser, *Prin. Con. Works*,
Charles Lesley Hewes, *Conductor*,
William Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*,
Ebenezer Winchester, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett,
Edward Harrison Morgan,
James Bestor Merritt,
George Joshua Woodruff,
William Frank Pierce,
Webb Nicholson Pearce.
Edwin Allen Sherman.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ames, George Spencer
Beeby, Robert John
Bice, John
Bishop, Amasa Wright
Blood, William Frank
Bradley, John Tilford
Breed, Arthur Hastings
Brown, Lewis Henry
Burnham, Charles Franklin
Cary, Amzi *B*
Clark, Alvah Kittridge
Claussen, Henry
Dalton, Henry Philip
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Dorwin, George Wadsworth
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Du Bois, Sumner Victor
Edgar, Robert
Ely, Ralph Asahel
Evers, John Henry
French, Robert Elsworth
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor
Goodman, George
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gunn, Adam Francis

Hahn, Henry Casper
Hale, William Elmer
Hamilton, William Thomas
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Henley, James Brainard
Hersey, Edgar Amos
Hewes, Charles Wesley
Kendall, Alpheus
Lamoureaux, Philias Henry
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Mauzy, Byron
Meade, Calvert
Meek, Horry Wert
Meek, William Elsworth
Metcalf, George Dickson
Michaels, Henry
Morris, Moses
Nordhausen, Ernest Albert
Parsons, Thomas *J*
Patterson, Edward Mortimer
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Perkins, Alfred Thomas
Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil
Plunkett, James California
Sears, Herman *B*
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Stimpson, George Washington
Stone, Andrew *L*
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Twombly, Charles Henry
Wall, Joseph George
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Wheeler, Osgood Church
Whitney, George Edwin
Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablonsky, John—82

WITHDRAWN:

Redding, Albert Putnam

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Buckman, Edmund Hinckley
Corse, John
Cutter, Chester Guild
Davis, Charles William
Miller, James
Troy, John Henry—6

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	78	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	11—89	Suspended non-paym't of dues	6
		Now borne upon the roll	82—89

LIST OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1891.

	Names of Councils.	No. Council.	Place of Location.		Date when Charter was ordered.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspend'd for non. pay. Dues	Suspend'd for Unmas. Cond.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
			Town.	County.												
1	Sacramento. . .	1	Sacramento, . .	Sacramento, . .	June 27, 1860.	1	. . .	. . .	1	4	3	. . .	. . .	4	210	$106 00
2	California	2	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	" " "	18	1	. . .	. . .	1	. . .	. . .	. . .	6	364	200 00
3	Marysville . . .	3	Marysville, ...	Yuba	" " "	2	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	. . .	. . .	. . .	2	73	38 50
*	Sierra Nevada	4	Placerville, ...	El Dorado, . . .	" " "	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
†	Sonora	5	Sonora, ...	Tuolumne, ...	May 8, 1861.	. . .	. . .	. . .	2	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	†26	. . . . .
5	Shasta	6	Shasta, ...	Shasta, ...	May 7, 1862.	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	. . .	4	. . .	. . .	5	50	25 00
*	Virginia	7	Virginia City,	Nevada State, .	Oct. 18, 1865.	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
*	Yreka	8	Yreka, ...	Siskiyou, ...	Oct. 22, 1868.	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
6	Helena	9	Helena, ...	Montana Ter.,	" " "	2	2	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	53	28 50
7	Stockton	10	Stockton, ...	San Joaquin, .	April 7, 1870.	7	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	2	76	45 00
8	Los Angeles . .	11	Los Angeles, . .	Los Angeles, . .	April 13, 1871.	3	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	2	84	45 00
9	Oakland	12	Oakland, ...	Alameda, ...	April 12, 1883.	11	. . .	. . .	1	. . .	6	. . .	. . .	. . .	82	52 00
	Totals . . .					44	3	. . .	3	6	13			22	1018	$540 00

*Charter surrendered. †Per report 1890.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Connecticut	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
Illinois	Stephen Wing	San Francisco.
Indiana	David Pugh Marshall	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	William Edward Oughton	Sacramento.
Nebraska	William Caldwell Belcher	Marysville.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Ohio	Cornelius Kellogg	Sacramento.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	Adolphus Hollub	San Francisco.
Rhode Island	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	Marcus L. Bell	Pine Bluff.
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Millersburg.
Louisiana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Eugene H. Richards	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	W. A. Spaulding	Minneapolis.
Nebraska	Edwin A. Allen	North Loup.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	Thomas H. Gliddon	Rochester.
Ohio	Arthur P. Crane	Toledo.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	George Laing	Pittsburgh.
Rhode Island	Robert S. Franklin	Newport.
South Carolina	John R. Allen	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.

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GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

With Addresses of Grand Recorders.

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ARKANSAS,	JAMES A. HENRY,	Little Rock.
CANADA,	SIDNEY J. SANFORD,	Barrie.
CONNECTICUT,	JOSEPH K. WHEELER,	Hartford.
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KANSAS,	JOHN H. BROWN,	Wyandotte.
KENTUCKY,	L. D. CRONINGER,	Covington.
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MARYLAND,	GEORGE L. MCCAHAN,	Baltimore.
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MINNESOTA,	W. A. SPAULDING,	Minneapolis.
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SOUTH CAROLINA,	ZIMMERMAN DAVIS,	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,	BENJAMIN F. HALLER,	Memphis.
VERMONT,	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,	Burlington.
WISCONSIN,	JOHN W. LAFLIN,	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. COUNCIL U. S.,	HENRY W. MORDHURST,	Fort Wayne, Ind.

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council, June 26, A. Dep. 2861.

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Master;*
ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN ASHBY TUTT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1868.

*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Master;*
STEPHEN WING,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*LEONARD GOSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

***Deceased.**

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1891.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER:

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,

OAKLAND.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,

SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.

The Thirty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the eighteenth day of April, A. D., 1892, Anno Dep. 2892, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THOS. H. CASWELL,

Grand Recorder.

R. & S. M.

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

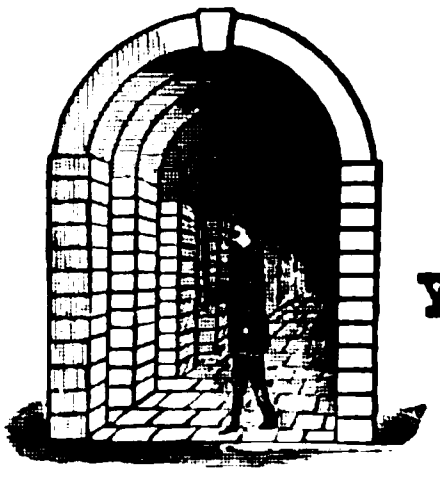
M.·.I.·.Grand Council

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

State of California



FOR THE YEAR 1892.

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.·. I.·. GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT ITS

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

HELD AT THE

MASONIC TEMPLE, IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

ON

MONDAY, APRIL 18, A. D. 1892, A. DEP. 2892.

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OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE

Year Commencing April, A. D. 1892, A. Dep. 2892.

M.·. I.·. **WILLIAM F. PIERCE,** .. GRAND MASTER, ... *Oakland;*
R.·. I.·. **DAVID P. MARSHALL,** . DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, . *San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. **GEO. PENLINGTON,** . { GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS, } *San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. **FRANKLIN H. DAY,** .... GRAND TREASURER, ... *San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. **THOS. H. CASWELL,** ... GRAND RECORDER, ... *San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. **THOS. KYLE,** ..... GRAND CHAPLAIN, ... *San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. **CHAS. E. GILLETT,** .. { GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS. } *Oakland;*
R.·. I.·. **WM. HEWSON DAVIS,** { GRAND CONDUCTOR OF COUNCIL. } *Sacramento;*
R.·. I.·. **CHARLES L. FIELD,** ... GRAND LECTURER, ... *San Francisco;*
R.·. I.·. **HENRY ASCROFT,** ..... GRAND STEWARD, ... *San Francisco:*
Ill.·. **SAMUEL D. MAYER,** ... GRAND ORGANIST, ... *San Francisco;*
Ill.·. **JAMES OGLESBY,** ..... GRAND SENTINEL, ... *San Francisco.*

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California commenced its thirty-second Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Monday, the eighteenth day of April, A. D. 1892, A. Dep. 2892, at ten o'clock A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, . . . *Grand Master;*
" *R.·. I.·.* DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, . . . *Deputy Grand Master;*
" *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works,*
" *R.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Treasurer;*
" *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, *Grand Recorder;*
" *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE, ... *Grand Chaplain;*
" *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, . *Grand Captain of the Guards;*
" *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, ... *Grand Conductor of Council;*
" *R.·. I.·.* ——————————, ... *Grand Lecturer;*
" *R.·. I.·.* HENRY ASCROFT, ... *Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, ... *Grand Organist;*
" *Ill.·.* JAMES OGLESBY, ... *Grand Sentinel;*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Past Grand Master,*
" *M.·. I.·.* STEPHEN WING, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... " " "

And the Representatives of eight chartered Councils, with several Past Thrice Illustrious Masters by service under this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being a sufficient representation present, the Grand Council of California was opened in Ample Form, with music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee:—

On Credentials:.....	Comp. Thomas Kyle, " Edwin Allen Sherman, " August Wackerbarth.

After a short recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of Chartered Councils, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, as being present and entitled to seats, viz:—

Sacramento,..No. 1,..	Richard Vaughn, Thrice Ill. Master, William Monroe Petrie, William Hewson Davis,	P. Th. Ill. Masters.
California,....No. 2,..	Henry Ascroft, Thrice Ill. Master, Thomas Kyle, Franklin Henry Day, David Pugh Marshall, George Penlington,	P. Th. Ill. Masters.
Marysville,...No. 3,....	Charles E. Stone,	Th. Ill. Master & P. Th. Ill. M.
Sonora,.....No. 5,...	Edward Kiel, Stephen Wing,	Prin. Con. of the Works. P. Th. Ill. Master.
Shasta,....No, 6,.....	Morris Mehon,	Dep. Ill. Master.
Stockton,...No. 10,...	Edward Richards Hedges, William Abraham Davies,	Th. Ill. Master & P. Th. Ill. Master. P. Th. Ill. Master.
Los Angeles,..No. 11,....	August Wackerbarth,	Th. Ill. Master & P. Th. Ill. Master.
Oakland,..No. 12,....	James Bestor Merritt,	Dep. Ill. Master & P. Th. Ill. Master.
	Charles Edwin Gillett, William Frank Pierce, Edwin Allen Sherman, Eugene Cormeny,	P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Which report was concurred in, and the Companions named therein were admitted to seats.

The reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following regular committees:—

On Jurisprudence:

Comp. Edwin Allen Sherman,
" August Wackerbarth,
" Richard Vaughn.

On Appeals and Grievances:

Comp. Charles Edwin Gillett,
" Thomas Kyle,
" Morris Mehon.

On Finances and Returns:

Comp. George Penlington,
" Henry Ascroft,
" William Hewson Davis.

The Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:—

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:—

Mid-spring is upon us and all nature is in full bloom, the "Golden Horn of Plenty" is pouring out its first offerings of early fruitage in this peerless jurisdiction of the Golden State; and while the sweet perfumes of myriads of bursting flowers send forth their incense from Earth's bosom, Nature's own altar which is all aflame to the Grand Architect of the Universe, we are reminded of the close and beginning of another Masonic year, when we are to give an account of our stewardship of the past, perform the labors of the present and intrust the charge to those who shall be chosen to succeed us.

Let us in spirit and in truth offer up our devotions to the Grand Master of us all, and with reverential thankfulness acknowledge the goodness of Him who hath so graciously led us through the darkness of the then unknown before us and permitted us to assemble in Grand Council once more, with no vacancies to fill, for death that merciless invader and intruder has not ventured to strike a single name from the roll of workmen upon the arches of our Grand Secret Vault.

DISPENSATION.

On March 9th, I granted a dispensation to *Sonora* Council, No. 5, to elect and install its officers.

DECISION.

On February 10th, the *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master of *Sacramento* Council, No. 1, submitted the following question: "Does it affect the standing of a Companion in the Council, if he is suspended in the Chapter of R.·. A.·. Masons, for non-payment of dues."

Answer.—A Companion Royal and Select Master, who is suspended for

any cause, either in Lodge or Chapter, is by virtue of the fact suspended in the Council; reinstatement in Lodge and Chapter reinstates him in the Council.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

During my term of office I have visited every subordinate Council within our jurisdiction, the majority of them several times; the same policy has been pursued as explained in our address of last year, that is, requiring the several Councils to exemplify the work; and I again recommend that the Grand Council arranges for the Grand Master or the Grand Lecturer to visit at least once in the year the several Councils of our jurisdiction; the seed thus sown will yield a bountiful harvest.

At our last Annual Assembly, a resolution was passed, authorizing the Grand Master to take the necessary steps to preserve the organization of the Councils, *Sonora*, No. 5, and *Yreka*, No. 8.

SONORA.

Pursuant to this resolution, on March 9th, accompanied by *M.·. I.·.* EDWARD R. HEDGES, P. G. M., I visited *Sonora* Council, No. 5; the result of our work was the reviving of this Council with twenty-two members; an election of officers was held and officers installed; the Recorder made the annual report which, accompanied with the dues for last year, was sent to the Grand Recorder; I agreeing to recommend the remission of the balance of dues owing to the Grand Council.

YREKA.

I also made a trip to Yreka and called together as many of the Companions as were at the time residing in the town, stated to them the resolution of the Grand Council, explained the progress made by Cryptic Masonry and the prospects for its future. The Companions agreed to reorganize the Council. In the Masonic Hall we found the charter, books, regalia and paraphernalia all in perfect condition, notwithstanding the Council has been at "refreshment" for nearly twenty years. At the time not being able to obtain the required number of Companions; the matter was left in the hands of Companion WALBRIDGE, the last Recorder of the Council, to arrange for a meeting and notify the Grand Officers. In reply to a recent letter, he informs us that owing to the continued stormy weather and the condition of the mountain roads it has been impossible to call the Companions together, but they hope soon to invite us to attend a meeting to carry out the objects of the resolution; we predict a bright future for this Council, many Companions, Royal Arch Masons, having expressed to me a desire to petition for these degrees.

FUTURE OF THE RITE.

In various parts of the State members of the Craft have asked me for information regarding the Cryptic degrees, and many have expressed a desire to obtain the "light" which completes the drama of American

masonry. Our State is fast increasing in population, many of our cities and towns are prosperous and growing, and in our judgment, the time is ripe to establish more Councils, and that the Councils may receive abundant support, we approve the action (as we are informed) of the Grand Commanderies of some of the States, and

RECOMMEND

That a committee be appointed to prepare a memorial to present to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar requesting it to make the Cryptic degrees prerequisite to the Order of Knighthood.

We also recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare a code of by-laws for the government of subordinate Councils.

RITUAL.

At our last Annual Assembly, I promised to prepare a ritual of the Cryptic degrees: In the "Story of the Gold Mines of California" you have the result, which I take pleasure in presenting to the Grand Council, and if approved by you will be presented to the subordinate Councils as you may direct.

CONCLUSION.

And now beloved Officers and Companions, at the end of my second term of service as your Grand Master, I cheerfully surrender into your hands the authority which you so confidingly entrusted to me, gratefully acknowledging the high honor bestowed upon me, and also return my sincere thanks to all the subordinate Councils, which have so uniformly received me with kind hospitality and have ever been ready to adopt suggestions and to make the changes in their work; and to the companions individually, who by their counsel and advice have so faithfully rendered aid and assistance in bringing to successful fruition the termination of my official labors, I acknowledge my obligations of indebtedness with feelings of profound gratitude.

May He who presides over the Supreme Grand Council, bless and prosper you all, and at last when He comes to make up His jewels here upon earth find a place among his treasures for each and every one of you in His own glorious star-gemmed Secret Vault, where no intruder ever enters and the shadows of gloom and death never come.

Fraternally,

W. FRANK PIERCE,
Grand Master.

Which Address was referred to a special committee of three. Whereupon the Deputy Grand Master appointed as such committee:—

On Grand Master's Address..... { Comp. James Bestor Merritt, " Franklin Henry Day, " Edward Richards Hedges.

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Assembly, and such other matters as may properly come before the Grand Council.

As soon as was possible after the close of the last Annual Assembly—several causes operating to delay the same—the transactions thereat were printed and the usual number distributed, as follows:—

One copy to each of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of this Grand Council, one copy to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils, three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of the subordinate Councils of our obedience.

No dispensations have issued from this office during the year, nor have any Representatives been commissioned.

With much satisfaction the undersigned reports the revivification of *Sonora* Council, No. 5. Full return has been made, and the annual dues paid, and every prospect now exists that the future of this Council will be as prosperous, and its standard of excellence as well maintained as in former years. Another instance of what determination and well directed zeal may accomplish.

No information has yet been received at this office of the re-organization of *Yreka* Council, No. 8, though active measures in that direction are being taken.

The following, collated from the annual reports, shows the degree of progress of Cryptic Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction for the year ending with January thirty-first, 1892:—

Number greeted during the year	55	
Number affiliated	3	
Number restored	1	—
Total increase		59
Number withdrawn	3	
Number excluded	1	
Number suspended for non-payment of dues	15	
Number died	34	—
Total decrease		53
Net increase for the year		6

Number of affiliated Royal and Select Masters, on January thirty-first, 1891, 1,023.

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder's office since the last Annual Assembly:—

RECEIPTS.

Sacramento Council,	No. 1,	dues to	February 1,	1892.	.....	$115	00
California,	No. 2,	"	"	"	.....	202	00
Marysville,	No. 3,	"	"	"	.....	48	50
Sonora,	No. 5,	"	"	"	.....	11	00
Shasta,	No. 6,	"	"	"	.....	24	50
Helena,	No. 9,	"	"	"	.....	36	50
Stockton,	No. 10,	"	"	"	.....	40	00
Los Angeles,	No. 11,	"	"	"	.....	39	00
Oakland,	No. 12,	"	"	"	.....	50	00
			Total for dues		.....	$566	50
			Received for two volumes proceedings		.....	4	00
			Making the total receipts for the year		.....	$570	50
			Amount paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented		.....	$570	50
			Fourteen warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer, amounting in the aggregate to		.....	$579	00

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

Which report—or so much thereof as relates to finances—was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns; and so much as relates to *Sonora* Council, No. 5, was referred to the special Committee on the Address of the Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements since the last Annual Assembly:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. & S. M. of California:—

1891.			
April 20.	To balance cash on hand	.....	$341 05
1892.			
Mch. 22.	To received from Grand Recorder	.....	531 50
" 29.	" " " " "	.....	39 00
			$911 52

1891.			*Brought forward*.....			$911 52
May 14.	By paid	James Oglesby,	Voucher No.	1....	$ 10 00	
June 8.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	" "	2....	4 50	
" 11.	" "	"	" "	3....	56 25	
" 24.	" "	Samuel D. Mayer,	" "	4....	10 00	
July 22.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	" "	5....	18 75	
Aug. 26.	" "	"	" "	6....	18 75	
Sept. 26.	" "	"	" "	7....	18 75	
Oct. 29.	" "	"	" "	8....	18 75	
1892.						
Jany. 25.	" "	"	" "	9....	10 50	
Feb. 11.	" "	Geo. Spaulding & Co.,	" "	10....	144 00	
Mch. 22.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	" "	11....	56 25	
" 22.	" "	"	" "	12....	37 50	
" 23.	" "	Wm. Frank Pierce,	" "	13....	100 00	
Apl. 16.	" "	"	" "	14....	75 00	
					———	579 00
April 18.	Balance cash on hand.....					$332 55

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, Representative of the Grand Council of Vermont, and Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, Representative of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, presented the following reports, which were ordered to be printed with the proceedings:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:

As the Representative of the Grand Council of Vermont Royal and Select Masters, I fraternally tender the best wishes of that veteran Body for the continued prosperity of the Grand Council of California.

The Grand Master, *M.·. I.·.* ORRIN W. ORCUTT, presents his personal congratulations and his earnest approval of the course of the Grand Council of California in dealing with all entangling alliances presented to the various Masonic Bodies of this day and generation, and he predicts for your Grand Body a successful and brilliant future.

Fraternally,

WM. A. DAVIES,
Representative.

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:

As the accredited Representative of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts, I bring to you the greetings and con-

gratulations of *M.·. I.·.* Wm. B. Lawrence, its Grand Master, and desire on his behalf to wish you peace and prosperity on this, the thirty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California.

The old Bay State is alive to the influence and importance of Cryptic Masonry, as the fact that over 4,000 are numbered among its followers will attest.

During the past year, however, two of its most prominent advocates have been "called up higher:" Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder and Past *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, obeying the mandate on March 20, 1891; and Wm. P. Anderson, Past *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, having received the summons August 4, 1891. Both these Illustrious Companions were earnest and zealous workers in the Cryptic field, and their memories are embalmed in the hearts of those who survive them.

Fraternally,

Franklin H. Day,
Representative.

April 18, 1892.

Verbal reports were also made, and fraternal greetings extended by Comp. Thomas Kyle, Representative of the Grand Council of Kentucky, Comp. Charles Edwin Gillett, Representative of Connecticut, and Comp. James Bestor Merritt, Representative of South Carolina, all showing the bond of fraternal union to be strong and the Cryptic Rite prosperous in the jurisdictions represented by them.

Comp. Edwin Allen Sherman, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed with the proceedings:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Unexpectedly, and at the earnest solicitation of *R.·. I.·.* Thomas Hubbard Caswell, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, but a short time before the present Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, the undersigned assumed the duties, which have heretofore been incomparably and satisfactorily performed by him as Chairman for so many years; and it was with great misgivings that the task was undertaken.

It was like substituting the lunar satellite of the earth for the noonday sun; but as the work of the Council is performed when all prying eyes are supposed to be closed in sleep, it is hoped that the darkness of the subterranean corridor leading to the ninth arch, will sufficiently hide whatever defects there may be, and the writer not be considered an intruder, but rather the "king's friend.

"Do not view it with the critic's eye,
But pass its imperfections by."

The proceedings of the following Grand Councils were received and reviewed:—

ALABAMA	1886–91	MISSOURI	1891
ARKANSAS	1891	MINNESOTA	1891
CONNUCTICUT	1891	NEBRASKA	1892
ENGLAND AND WALES	1889–91	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1890
ILLINOIS	1891	NEW JERSEY	1891
INDIANA	1891	NEW YORK	1891
KENTUCKY	1891	OHIO	1881
KANSAS	1891	OREGON	1890–91
LOUISIANA	1891	PENNSYLVANIA	1891
MAINE	1891	TENNESSEE	1892
MICHIGAN	1891	VERMONT	1891
MASSACHUSETTS	1891		

Making twenty-four in all, a gain of seven over last year.

ALABAMA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama, held its fifty-fourth Annual Assembly in the Masonic Temple in the City of Montgomery, on Monday, the 30th day of November, 1891.

Comp. JAMES T. BECK, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. BENJAMIN F. POPE, acting as Grand Recorder.

Representatives from five Councils were present.

The Grand Master's Address is very brief and to the point, and contains only thirty lines.

This Grand Jurisdiction seems to have withered as if under a blast of the sirocco; yet, nevertheless, there have been some Companions who have been faithful, who have kept the fire burning upon the Altar. For several years past the name of ALABAMA has not appeared upon the roll of the General Grand Council, but we are glad to see it once more restored.

Its finances are extremely limited, the Grand Recorder receiving from four Councils out of five, as dues the small sum of $47.00 *only*.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That a brief statement of the proceedings of the present Assembly be printed for distribution instead of the Report on Correspondence."

The financial condition of its treasury, we trust, next year, will warrant the Report on Correspondence being printed.

Comp. BENJ. F. POPE, Past Grand Master, was appointed Grand Lecturer, by resolution.

Comp. GEORGE F. MOORE was elected Grand Master, and Comp. EDMUND R. HASTINGS re-elected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS.

The twenty-ninth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Little Rock, on the twentieth day of November, 1891, the *M.·. I.·.* FAY HEMSTEAD, presiding, the *R.·. I.·.*

JAMES A. HENRY being Grand Recorder. The representives of fifteen subordinate Councils were present, being half as many more than were represented in 1890; also, seven Past Grand Masters responded at roll call.

The Address of the Grand Master is a business-like paper, free from verbosity and "glittering generalities," and confined to actual labor upon the Arches. His style of architecture evidently springs from the development of an active, fertile brain, and is made to be imperishable, and not like that of the spider from the other end of his creation to provide himself with a cell and roosting-place to catch flies, and "whose works do follow him."

He has caused the Ritual adopted by the General Grand Council at Atlanta, in November, 1889, to be distributed to the various Councils of his jurisdiction, and under it they are doing well.

The degree of Super-Excellent Master has become incorporated with the other work, and a great deal of enthusiasm aroused in the Councils where the degree has been exemplified, and the sound of the trumpet and not that of the fish-horn is heard by the faithful Companions from the watchful herald. Twenty-five Companions having been elected, received the degree of Super-Excellent Master at this session.

The Grand Master, in his Address, pays a just tribute to the memory of *Ill.·.* ALBERT PIKE and IRA BERRY. Of the former he says:—

"In the early part of April, the sad intelligence was received that on the 2d day of that month, in Washington City, our great Masonic Head, ALBERT PIKE, was called to his eternal rest. The relation which he bore to Council Masonry in Arkansas, made it particularly proper that this Grand Council should take notice of the occurrence, as well as the fact of his prominence as a Mason in general; for it was through and by him as Deputy Grand Inspector-General of 33d Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, that a Dispensation was granted to *Occidental* Council, No. 1, of Little Rock, which was the introduction of Council Masonry among us. For these reasons I caused a circular to be issued and sent to the various Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as to sister Grand Councils throughout the United States, expressive of our sorrow at the sad occurrence, and of the esteem in which we held the distinguished dead. A copy of said circular I present herewith, and suggest, that for preservation, it be incorporated into our printed minutes of this session at the end of the record of proceedings.

"OFFICE OF THE M.·. I.·. GRAND MASTER
GRAND COUNCIL, R. & S. MASTERS OF ARKANSAS.
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., APRIL 6, 1891.

"*To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of the Several Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction, and to all Companions R. & S. Masters at large:—*

"COMPANIONS: The sad intelligence is borne to us of the death at Washington, D. C., on the evening of April 2, 1891, of our beloved Companion, ALBERT PIKE, in the eighty-second year of his age.

"This event, so momentous to the Masonic world in general, and so nearly concerning us, calls for something more than an ordinary expression from us: for not only was he indissolubly connected with Masonry generally within our Grand Jurisdiction, but more especially is the existence of Council Masonry in Arkansas the fruit of his labors. It was

through him, under the fostering care and protection of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, that our first Council was established, and thus was Council Masonry introduced into our midst.

"The eminence of our beloved Companion in the Craft, and the greatness of his mental gifts have become matters of general history. In his death we have lost our ripest scholar, and the foremost Mason of this or any age. His labors in Masonic fields have builded for him a name imperishable in the memories of the Craft.

"As a memorial of him, a recognition of his greatness, and a testimony of our affection for him, I hereby direct that this circular shall be read by the Recorder to each Council at the first meeting after its receipt, and be placed as a memorial page in the records of each Council, and that the altar do stand suitably draped in mourning for a period of ninety days.

[SEAL] FAY HEMPSTEAD,
M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

Attest:
J. H. HENRY,
Grand Recorder."

There are eighteen Councils in this State with a membership of four hundred and fifty-nine on the rolls, being a gain of one hundred and one during the year just closed.

We find everything to praise in this Grand Council but one; and that is the device of its Great Seal. We like to see a crank, even, have a heart; but the device of a crank in the heart to turn it round as if on a toasting fork with the sword for a pairing knife to whittle it off, makes it and the triangle to look like a cook's combination of a gridiron over a fire with a butcher knife laid across it.

The Companion who wrought it must have been anticipating refreshment rather than labor at the time he presented it for inspection. At any rate it is evident he had no "corner" on the trowel business.

Comp. CHARLES N. RIX was elected Grand Master and Comp. JAMES A. HENRY re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

The seventy-third Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the Masonic Hall in the City of New Haven, on May 11th, 1891. Comp. GEORGE H. KEIES, *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work. Twenty Councils being represented, or three more than at the last Annual Assembly in 1890. The number of Councils in this jurisdiction being twenty-one and a membership of two thousand six hundred and thirty, which speaks well for Cryptic Masonry in the State of artificial spices and *lignum vitæ posteriori.*

The Address of the Grand Master is brief and concise as his visitations were rare, only one Council having been visited by him in his jurisdiction during the year, that of Waterbury Council, No. 21. This will account for his inability to visit other Councils as he probably carries a Waterbury watch which requires a year to wind it up. The last was the first in this case.

The labors of the Executive of this Grand Council are divided between the Most Puissant Grand Master, Deputy Puissant Grand Master and the Thrice Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, each of whom gives a brief address and report. This official quadrature of the triangle of one hundred and eighty degrees may yet prove to be the rule for squaring the circle, a geometric problem which hitherto has only been approximately solved.

Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, the Grand Recorder, has succeeded Comp. WILLIAM WALLACE LEE as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and his portrait adorns the frontis page of the proceedings. What a fine looking fellow he is to be sure. What bright eyes, wide apart, a broad forehead and such a mouth ready to say prunes and prisms, to kiss a pretty girl, play the flute, or blow the trumpet of the Herald in the Super-Excellent Master's Degree.

He pays a graceful tribute to his predecessor, who declined further service, and opens with a fine salutatory from which we quote the following gems of thought. He says:—

"Like the Hindu maiden, who on the banks of the Ganges, lights the oil in her tiny shell, and sets it adrift on the bosom of its broad waters, an acceptable offering to the unseen powers, and as a messenger conveying her love to those who have gone out from her to a land invisible, and uttering her prayers with faith to believe that her little bark will perform its mission, somehow, and somewhere; so we launch our brief report on the broad and open sea of Masonic literature, trusting that the object of its mission to advance and uplift the cause of this great brotherhood, in conveying good will to humankind, will somehow and somewhere, not fail in its object.

"Freemasonry is a conservative instructor, and in the rapid disintegration of ecclesiastical thought and superstitious tradition, was never more needed than now. Amid all the 'isms,' and 'ologies' that are forcing themselves upon the mind of the world, there is much to shake the foundation, of pure, moral and religious thought, and lead into a blank, cruel and remorseless Atheism.

"Freemasonry holds to the eternal verities of "trust in GOD," some revelation of his will, and the immortality of the soul, and by contemplating the books of nature and revelation, one is led to ponder, and wonder on man's condition. On man's superiority over other creatures surrounding him, and through the possession of a contemplative mind we are able to realize the nearness of the Great Creator himself, who is the Alpha and Omego, the first and the last."

In regard to California he speaks very approvingly, but on the subject of the legitimacy or illegitimacy of Cryptic Masons he quotes from Comp. CASWELL'S last report, where he took the position of an anxious enquirer, "If a colt is born in a cow-pen it does not make a calf of him, he will be recognized as a colt wherever he goes." But just listen to him. He has been away from home evidently and been investing down in the blue grass portion of Kentucky and bought a plantation with a diversity and plenty of blooded stock upon it.

He retorts with puzzling questions:—

"Very good, but how about duck eggs hatched under a hen. Will they be recognized as chickens? or the offspring of a mare with foal by a jack? Will it be a horse, or an ass? Comparisons are mighty good, but there are two ways of putting them. Connecticut has not yet consented to cross the breed, having a great regard for old family ties."

We have never been in the stock raising business, or seen the eggs in a mare's nest, but evidently, Companion WHEELER is thoroughly posted and knows of two ways in "putting things." We don't. We have been taught that "Comparisons were odorus." We are pleased to know that "Connecticut has not yet consented to cross the breed, having a great regard for old family ties." What breed and what is your pedigree, Companion WHEELER? and to which race and sex do you belong? Are you equine, asinine, or bovine, generative or productive?

We may be in the position of the young girl who went to a gentleman's house in response to an advertisement for a wet nurse. He was astonished on seeing a young girl who had never experienced maternity asking for such a situation. He said: "Why you wont do for a *wet* nurse," to which she innocently replied, "But I can learn." So we can learn from Connecticut which, like necessity, "is the mother of invention" and Comp. WHEELER is the inventor.

We welcome him however into the Reportorial Corps.

Comp. ATHERTON L. BARNES, of New Haven, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER re-elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown (North America excepted), was held at Mark Masons Hall, Great Queen street, London, W. C., on Thursday, 15th of May, 1890, and the 15th of March, 1891, the EARL OF EUSTON, Grand Master, presiding, Comp. C. FITZGERALD MATIER, P. D. G. M., Grand Recorder.

There are seventeen subordinate Councils under its jurisdiction, of which five Colonial Councils were reported dormant. The others have regularly held their stated meetings.

The Grand Master made no address; but the Grand Recorder, in his report, says:—

"Grand Council continues to maintain the most cordial and fraternal relations with the Grand Councils of the United States and Canada, and thanks are due to these Grand bodies for the reports of proceedings, which continue to reach it, which are ample proof of the great interest in the Cryptic Rite taken by our American Companions, and of the success which has rewarded their labors."

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Master is apparently elected for life, but he appoints all the rest of the officers of the Grand Council.

The EARL OF EUSTON continues Grand Master and C. FITZGERALD MATIER, P. D. G. M., was reappointed Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

The thirty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois was held in the Asylum of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, in the City of Chicago, on the 28th day of October, 1891.

Ill.·. GEORGE W. WARVILLE, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.*·. GIL. W. BARNARD, Grand Recorder, kept the minutes of the work. There are seventy-seven Councils in this independent jurisdiction, which are grouped into nine arches, or sub-divisions, by counties in the whole State. Forty Councils were represented. The number of Royal and Select Masters on the rolls, two thousand four hundred and sixty-eight.

The Grand Master's Address is full and replete with information as to the condition of the Rite in his State, which he pronounces "is reasonably healthy and vigorous and enjoying a fair measure of prosperity." He visited the General Grand Council at Minneapolis, was fraternally received, but "witnessed no legislation that in his opinion was calculated to further the interests of the Cryptic Rite, or to advance its material prosperity." He could "see many evils that might result from a surrender of their independence, and can readily believe that the usefulness of the Rite might be injured in this jurisdiction by a subjection to the will of a possible hostile majority." What a fine argument for the secession of Subordinate Councils from a State Grand Council, when in a disgruntled minority. The same sort of an opinion backed up by a military force inaugurated civil war with all the horrors of fratricide and bloodshed. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," is not a commendation in Illinois Cryptic Masonry for National Unity, and it is even worse than the motto on the seal of the State of Illinois, "State Sovereignty and National Union," the first part being annulled by the Constitution of the United States and the latter maintained and enforced by Abraham Lincoln and his successors.

Upon the elaboration of the ritual he proposes to "progress" and rob the Scottish Rite of one of the names of its scale, the Fifth Degree, known as "Perfect Master" to finish and piece out the work of the Secret Vault. No, Companion WARVILLE, this will not do. Scottish Freemasonry by the Cesærian operation has been cut into too much already to make up another system. When the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction relinquished all control over the Cryptic Degrees in 1868, of which it was the natural and legal mother, it did so with a perfect free will, and because it no longer exercised authority in the territory of the Supreme Council of the Northern Supreme Council created and organized by it in 1813. But neither of these Supreme Councils will permit the name of "Perfect Master" to be thus purloined and appropriated for such a purpose.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. L. R. JEROME who leaves California out in the cold. He is very persistent in having the

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States to make the Cryptic Degrees essential to the receiving the Orders of Knighthood and greatly disappointed that it would not take such action at the last Triennial Conclave. To this we would say, let the Cryptic Rite stand on its own foundations. The Nine Arches are *below* and not above ground. The Cross was erected upon a hill where all was openly revealed, and not hidden where everything was to be concealed as in the Secret Vault, which did not become the sacred tomb of the Saviour.

There is no symbolism or connecting link whatever between Cryptic Masonry and the Christian Orders of Knighthood, and nothing in common between them. Let the nine subterranean arches alone and their keystones will bind them fast and safely in their positions.

Comp. SAMUEL J. LE FEVRE was elected Grand Master, and Comp. GIL. W. BARNARD re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

The thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Indianapolis, on Tuesday, the 20th of October, 1891.

Comp. CHARLES W. SLICK, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There were present the representatives of forty-one of the forty-two Chartered Councils, besides fifteen Past Grand Masters, twenty-one Grand Representatives of other Grand Councils, including Comp. ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK, for California. A splendid representation.

Forty-three Councils, with a membership of 2,086, and a balance in the treasury of $2,469.80, is a good showing for the "Willow State" (miscalled "Hoosier" from a mal-pronunciation of "housier," or osier, a species of basket willow which once grew in great abundance in that State and from which the cognomen "Hoosier" is derived. It also means a plantation of hollies or shrub nursery. It also means a switch. This application, it is said, was also made of the latter by mothers to children not of their own maternity, caused by marriages after frequent divorces, so readily obtained in Indiana, that the chastised youngsters were constantly making the inquiry of each other, "Who's yer step-mother now?")

The Grand Master, in his Address, says:—

"Companions, I congratulate you upon the happy and healthy condition of our beloved rite in this Grand Jurisdiction. Happy because there has been no enmity or discord. Peace, harmony and good will have reigned supreme. I have not been called upon for any decisions. Healthy and prosperous, because we have made a net gain in membership of 107 over last year, having now a total membership of 2,088. Nearly all of the Councils were prompt in paying Grand Council dues. Our financial condition is very good indeed, and has sustained our Grand Recorder's expectations when he recommended reducing the dues to fifty cents. With each of us striving to do his share towards advancing the rules and precepts of the Order there is no reason why it should not continue to prosper and increase its power for good throughout the world.

Comp. HENRY W. MORDHURST, the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, has a very full report of sixty-seven pages, but leaves California out in the cold, which is like a chill in the swamps of the Wabash, which comes creeping over us like a second cousin of *la grippe*, with whom we are not on friendly relations; but we have a grim satisfaction, however, in reading his review of Illinois, especially, and congratulate ourselves that the Grand Council of California, in the election of its Grand Masters, does violate the Masonic law, that he attributes to that of Illinois in having the portrait of its incoming Grand Master adorning its pages of a "clean-cut gentleman." California does not emasculate its Grand Masters, for that would be unmasonic in every sense: *vide* Deuteronomy XXIII, 1, for that would be "the unkindest cut of all."

We like the seal of this Grand Council, for it shows that the Cryptic Rite in that jurisdiction is alive and doing good work, for the back of the trowel shines, and the light radiating from it shows that it is in constant use and not rusting out.

Comp. THEODORE D. BROWN was elected Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas convened in Annual Assembly in the hall of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 8, A. F. and A. M., at Fort Scott, on February 16th, 1891.

Comp. THEOPHILUS P. RODGERS, Grand Master presiding, and Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Ten Councils of the eleven of the jurisdiction were represented with a total membership on the rolls of 487. [This being the State where "the grasshopper becomes a burden," the footing up has to be done by the members themselves.]

The Grand Master, in his Address upon the condition of the Cryptic Rite in his State, says:

"The returns from our Subordinate Councils show a gratifying increase in membership. A few Councils, apparently, are doing little or nothing, and I believe something should be done by this Grand Council to revive the interest in these indifferent Councils. One or two workers in each local jurisdiction, thoroughly posted in our beautiful ritual, would do much to bring Cryptic Masonry to the knowledge of the members of the Chapters, and such knowledge would essentially benefit us and increase our membership. If such persons are not to be found already enrolled in our ranks, measures should be taken to secure them from the subordinate Bodies."

There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and we are led to exclaim with King Solomon in his song: "We have a little sister and she hath no breasts; what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for. Thou that dwellest in the gardens the Companions hearken to thy voice; *cause me to hear it.*"

A PLEASANT EPISODE.

"By virtue of a special dispensation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Zabud Council, No. 4, of Topeka, went to Fort Scott with a half car load of paraphernalia and its full corps of twenty workers. Each station was occupied by the officer elected to fill it, and every person engaged in the work was appropriately and elegantly robed. The costumes owned by Zabud Council are said to be the most complete and expensive ever furnished any Council in America. The properties used in setting the Sanctum Sanctorum and Secret Vault were complete and attractive, greatly aiding in the artistic and dramatic presentation of the work. Every officer knew thoroughly what he had to do and performed it promptly and intelligently. The utmost decorum was preserved throughout the entire ceremonies, and nothing was disregarded that could add to the impressiveness of the work. Withal, it was a rare treat, and the evening will not soon be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

"Thirty-four candidates were present, and received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, when they were then introduced and had bestowed upon them the title of Super Excellent Master.

"As beautiful and impressive as had been the work in the two preceding degrees, the presentation of the Super Excellent Master's degree was a great surprise. This degree has been so much neglected, and, where conferred, has been so woefully abused, that no one expected to see such impressive, instructive and decorous work. The first section was presented with dramatic accuracy and nicety, yet in a manner not to offend the taste of the most fastidious. The second section was appropriately costumed and rendered in a way that held the closest attention. The lecture, which was compiled and written by the Thrice Illustrious Master of Zabud Council, was eloquently delivered. At the conclusion of the work, the Companions who had witnessed the evening's beautiful ceremonies could no longer restrain their expressions of approval, and burst into hearty applause—a compliment that the efforts of the Topeka Companions well merited.

"After the Council was closed, all present repaired to the Inter-State Hotel, where a banquet was spread, at which short addresses were made by Comps. OWEN A. BASSETT, JOHN H. BROWN, JAMES A. MCCALL, JACOB DE WITT, MATTHEW M. MILLER, WILLIAM D. THOMPSON, ALEXANDER G. ROBB, WILLIAM H. MIZE, and other prominent members of the Grand Council. Thus ended a most pleasant masonic episode."

Comp. JAMES H. MCCALL was elected Grand Master and Comp. JOHN H. BROWN re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Council of Kentucky Royal and Select Masters, met in Grand Annual Assembly in the Grand Consistory Room, Masonic Temple, Louisville, on October sixth, 1891, Comp. GEORGE A. LEWIS, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. EDWARD H. CRONINGER *as* Grand Recorder.

There were representives from ten Councils out of eighteen present, besides twelve Grand Representatives from other Grand Councils, but we do not find Comp. JAMES D. LEWIS, Representative from California, among the number. We note that the last named Council on the roll is "Graham, No. 62." What has become of the *forty-four* other subordinate Councils? Have they sunk beneath the "dark and bloody ground" of

"old Kaintuck?" There are only five hundred and fifty-three Royal and Select Masters on the rolls of this jurisdiction, which is twenty-eight years older than that of California, which has nearly double the number of its members. But perhaps this is owing to there being so many miners among the Companions in California working under ground, who seek and bring forth the hidden gems beneath the surface, and are not so devotional as those who count their beads on the flowing "Bourbon" and "Mountain-dew" in the "blue grass region." There is a loss of fifty members during the past year, or over eight per cent. Perhaps Comp. WHEELER has got them to be transferred to Connecticut.

The Grand Master's Address is very short, and he "regrets that he is not able to report any substantial progress in the Cryptic Rite during the past year." He further says: "My official acts have been few indeed—in fact, I may say that I have absolutely done nothing. My private business is such that I have been unable to visit the Councils, and no questions have been submitted for my official decision."

Comp. THOMAS KYLE, representative of this retrograding jurisdiction to the Grand Council of California, thinks that there ought to be a re-in-*Staton* of somebody, "down thar."

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence (we like that term in preference to "Foreign") make only the following report:—

"Past Grand Master JAMES WILLIAM STATON, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

"*To the Grand Council of Kentucky, R.·. and S.·. M.·.:*—

"Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence beg leave to report, that most of the Proceedings of Grand Councils in fraternal correspondence have been received and carefully examined, and from those reports we are led to believe that in most of the jurisdictions Cryptic Masonry is in rather a flourishing condition.

"The committee regret to say that the finances of the Grand Council are not sufficient to justify the preparation of a detailed report, because if prepared it cannot be printed. It is to be hoped that before the next Assembly of this Grand Council the finances will justify the printing of a detailed report, and should that be the case the committee promise to furnish the report complete."

JAMES WILLIAM STATON,
Chairman, for the Committee.

Comp. THOMAS P. GRUNT was elected Grand Master, and Comp. LORENZO D. CRONINGER re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

The *M.·.I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Louisiana assembled in the hall corner of Baronne and Union streets, City of New Orleans, on Thursday, February 12th, 1891.

Comp. HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Grand Master presiding, and Comp. RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Four Councils out of the five in this State were represented, these four having a membership on the rolls of one hundred and forty-two.

Among the Grand Representatives present we are pleased to note that the Representative from California, Comp. SAMUEL M. TODD, was on the ground and not under it.

We take the following extracts from the Grand Master's Address:

"*Illustrious Companions*—As I welcome you to your annual deliberations in behalf of the Cryptic Rite in Louisiana, I am impressed with the smallness of our numbers and the littleness of the work accomplished during the year that is passed. Yet the interests committed to our care are important, and the fewness of our numbers renders our individual responsibility all the greater. The paucity of our work should but animate us to renewed exertions to enlarge that work.

Cryptic Masonry has not yet felt the invigorating influence of the new day that has been dawning in Louisiana. But there is every reason to believe that it will soon pass into a benign influence. It was not to be expected that the Cryptic Rite could flourish while the Capitular was in shadow. The latter is now on the high road of prosperity, and we may reasonably expect, therefore, that ere long we shall rejoice with our companions of that Rite.

Let us appreciate the important character of the trust confided to us; let us be earnest, zealous and devoted, and our labors shall not be unrewarded."

There is no Report of Foreign Correspondence for reasons that are evident.

Comp. HERMAN C. DUNCAN was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. RICHARD LAMBERT, our comrade veteran of the Mexican War in 1846-7, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Maine assembled at Masonic Hall, in Portland, on Wednesday, the sixth of May, 1891.

Comp. DENISON E. SEYMOUR, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. STEPHEN BERRY, Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Twelve of the thirteen Councils of this jurisdiction were represented.

Representatives from nineteen Grand Councils were present, including Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Grand Representative for California.

There are 1,326 Royal and Select Masters on the rolls of the thirteen Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master's Address is full of interest and covers a wide field. He ought to be proud of such a healthy and live jurisdiction as that of the "Pine Tree" State." He says:

"The labors of the year are fraught with excellent fruitage, giving us cause for mutual congratulations, as the returns of our subordinates will demonstrate.

"All have been attended with more or less prosperity; some which, in previous years, had been depressed into apathetic slumber have aroused and zealously engaged in the labors of the Vault."

He very pathetically alludes to the memories of the dead Companions, BENJAMIN M. FLINT, GEORGE W. DEERING, BENJ. F. HALLER, JOHN W.

DADMUN, ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, GEORGE H. MEADE, and last, though not least, ALBERT PIKE, and of the latter he eloquently says:

"April 4th, at low twelve, the midnight hour, 'the time when sleep brings repose to the weary,' the last sad rites were performed over the mortal remains of one who for Masonic erudition had no peer. The time selected for this service seemed fitting the occasion. Weird in all aspects, it presented a befitting conclusion of the long and arduous life of General ALBERT PIKE, 33°, who died in the City of Washington, April 2d last, who passed through the shadow of death, into the Holy of Holies in the Supreme Graud Council, where there can be but one Grand Master, after having passed far beyond the ordained limit of three score years and ten. His eulogy must be pronounced by other tongue than mine, and I commit the references to your consideration, but not, my companions, until first invoking the merciful interposition of Him who holds our destiny, upon the loved and honored one of our own jurisdiction, and who has his peer nowhere in our land—that his life unharmed, wisdom unimpaired and admirable presence may long be vouchsafed to us."

INTRUDERS IN THE SECRET VAULT!

He says:

"June 18th, pursuant to notice previously given, a special assembly of the Grand Council was held in Masonic Hall, Norway, for the purpose of constituting Oxford Council and installing the officers, the ceremonies of which were carried out with much interest to a large and attentive audience representing the different rites in Masonry, *the ladies lending attraction to the occasion*. At the conclusion, an hour of social intercourse was had, greatly to the enjoyment of every one present."

Now, what business have the women down cellar? Eh?

Comp. DENISON, if you do not look out they will SEYMOUR than you do.

In California *in vino veritas*, it would be in Maine *in cidra veritas*, and they would "let the cat out of the bag."

He is very anxious that the cryptic degrees shall be made a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, and uses the following language:

"In reviewing the proceedings of the various Grand Councils, I may be justified in the conclusion that Maine is fully up to the standard. Not only are we so, but we lead in many things; I refer to the work, the intelligent conferring of the degrees, which I am able to assure you will bear and respond to the sharpest criticism.

"I speak of this in no spirit of vain glory or of boasting, for the facts will sustain the assertion. The great bar to the advancement and prosperity of the Cryptic Rite is found in the Grand Encampment of the United States. This I aver with no fear of a successful contradiction. Make these degrees a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, as are the Capitular, and I promise you a seeking admission to the S. V. in untold numbers. Some of our sister jurisdictions, recognizing this fact, have appointed committees to bring this matter before the Grand Encampment through the Grand Commanderies at its next triennial conclave, and I would suggest that this Grand Council appoint a similar committee to confer with our Grand Commandery.

"The cryptic degrees are rapidly claiming their place in the order of succession, presenting such a bold front as to constitute a bulwark against which all the engines of opposition must become powerless. Let action be unified, and every measure be accentuated with a spirit of fraternal determination, and I give to you my pledge that in a brief period of time,

the degrees of Royal and Select Master, with the appendant degree, will become a necessary prerequisite to the Masonic Orders of Knighthood.

"Companions, we have had a year of prosperity. We place before you the fruit of our labors. To err is human, and I am human. Deal gently with my errors. They have been unintentional. I would gladly have accomplished more, but being human and possessing the instincts of humanity, I could not.

"Peace reigns in our midst; harmony prevails; prosperity has attended our labors. I have had no differences to adjust, no questions to decide. Our family has increased but we have room for more."

Comp. DRUMMOND, whose drum-beat, like that of England, "is heard around the world," as Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils.

Those of California are not included, and under the head of California, he says:—

"We are without these proceedings for the first time for 'lo these many years.' We do not know wherefor; we discovered the fact too late to 'know the reason why.' We miss them greatly; our report without any CASWELL in it seems to us to lack its best qualities."

Comp. DRUMMOND, if at "ery" time you have the erysipelas in both eyes at once, confined to your room in darkness, you will know what it is to try to work in the subterranean arches without a light. Even a sepulchral lamp was not allowed, let alone a Cryptic one, and trowel, sword and pen had to lie idle, and he had to even let AHISHAR sleep, if somnolence overcame him. But he is at his post again with labor resumed. And as you, with pick and crowbar, dig and pry up the sun and then pitch the fiery ball high up in the heavens and over the continent by *Maine* strength, we catch it as it falls and send it through the Golden Gate around the world that you may continue your daily task at your beginning of the Secret Vault.

Comp. DENISON C. SEYMOUR was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. IRA BERRY re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts was held in Egyptian Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, December 9th, 1891—Comp. WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, Grand Recorder, keeping minutes of the work.

Twenty-one out of the twenty-four Councils in this jurisdiction were represented. The total membership being 4,061, being a net increase of 261. Representatives from sixteen other Grand Councils were also present. Comp. EUGENE H. RICHARDS, Representative from California, was not present. Where wert thou, EUGENE?

The Address of the Grand Master is a short and business-like paper. He congratulates the Grand Council upon the "steady growth and uninterrupted success of the Cryptic Rite in the 'Bay State' jurisdiction." He pathetically alludes to the momory of Past *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master and

Past Grand Recorder ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, who, after many years of service in the latter office, passed to the Celestial Vault above on March 20, 1891, and also Past *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master WILLIAM P. ANDERSON, who died on August 4th, 1891. Past Grand Masters NORRIS, BOWEN and JONES were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions of memorial in honor of the memories of these distinguished Companions.

During the year he visited in person twenty of the twenty-four Councils of his jurisdiction. "*Buen Pastor*," we would say of him.

Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, ably reviews the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, but California is not one of the number.

He gives considerable space to the Address of Comp. FREDERICK SPEED, Master of the Grand Council of Mississippi, which we like to see and brings out the truth of history.

In relation to the subject of making the Council Degrees prerequisite to membership in the Commandery, he, with the hammer of logic, hits the nail squarely on the head. He says:

"We are of the opinion that any addition of members who come in, simply because they are forced to come, in order to get something else, would be a source of weakness rather than strength. On the other hand, those who come in because they are attracted by the intrinsic worth of the degrees, are members whose work and influence is of permanent value to the institution."

The truth could not be more tersely and squarely stated than in the above sentence. Let every Masonic body of whatever degree stand squarely and firmly on its own foundation and upon its own merits. We concur Comp. BOWEN. We also were born near Plymouth Rock in the "Old Bay State," though for forty-three years we have sojourned by the "Golden Gate" of California.

Comp. WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. SERANUS BOWEN re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan assembled at Masonic Temple in the City of Detroit, on Monday, January 19th, 1891.

Comp. TRAVERSE PHILLIPS, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Forty-four out of forty-six Councils, with a membership of 2,741 were represented, showing a net gain during the past year of 149.

There were also representatives from ten other Grand Councils present, including Comp. WILLIAM P. INNES, Grand Representative from California. He can always be counted with the *ins*.

We do not like the engraving of the Great Seal of this Grand Council; it looks too much like a *roulette* wheel which is out of place at least in the "City of Straits," unless in following up that game it does not place the Companions in straitened circumstances.

The Grand Master's Address is a model report of faithful administration and executive duties well performed. Having been attacked by *la grippe* all poetry and lofty flights of imagination have been utterly squeezed out of him, and he deals in pure business only. In passing through the subterranean corridors of his jurisdiction in his visitations to reach the Sacred Vault, he may have been a little affected by the warm moisture, and therefore rendered more liable to the dread influenza in coming out in the cold. But this could not be otherwise expected from a Grand Master, whose very name is a command to perform his duty and fulfill his destiny—to *Traverse* and *Phillips*. This he has done in person and by proxy of eleven special District Deputies for that number of districts into which he has divided his jurisdiction, five of the Subordinate Councils being visited by himself.

He also "recommends that the Grand Council of Michigan pass a resolution asking the Grand Commandery of that State to make it obligatory on all candidates applying for their degrees to have first taken the degrees of Royal and Select Masters." He finds "that many Royal Arch Masons go into the Commandery, and after taking the Orders think that the Council Degrees are of little or of no account."

Let them alone, Comp. PHILLIPS! The knight who will not doff his casque and plumes to enter the Secret Vault and work with the trowel, which he will defend with his sword if necessary, is very poor material for the Nine Arches. If he will not lay aside his feathers and carry the hod even when necessary, he lacks the essential quality of knighthood and is a poor Mason of any degree. Don't swarm the arches and crowd the workmen. They will be better off, the work will be better done and stand longer. *Lime eats feathers.*

Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, gives a full review of fifty-three pages, including California, in which he quotes liberally from Comp. CASWELL'S friendly tilt with Comp. JEROME of Illinois. We do not understand why Comp. NOBLE spells and divides GARIBALDI in that way. He was a NOBLE brother also, and as Pat would say, "NOBLE B. GARRA," reversing the names to express a character. But Michigan is full of queer names.

Comp. CHARLES R. BAGG was elected Grand Master, and Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri assembled in Freemasons' Hall, St. Louis, on Wednesday, April 22d, 1891.

Comp. FLAVIUS J. TYGARD, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work. Six out of the seven Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction were represented. Total membership reported, 287.

The Address of the Grand Master contains only thirty-nine lines. In it he says:—

"In rendering an account of the duties devolving upon me, it is only necessary to state that the condition of Cryptic Masonry in our State is such as to require but little attention at the hands of the Grand Officers, and as long as this apparent apathy continues, we cannot hope for any very great revival of the work.

"As Grand Master PIERSON stated one year ago, we have two of the most beautiful degrees in Masonry, and it is certainly strange that greater interest is not manifested.

"If some means could be devised which would serve to create a desire for the degrees, thereby increasing our numbers, filling our present Councils and causing others to spring into life, a very different and most gratifying condition of affairs would be presented. Let us hope that some one will do this."

We also "hope that some one will do this." Missouri, the mother of Masonry of the Pacific Coast, should not go into a decline, but become rejuvenated and declare, "by the Great Jehovah, that the Cryptic Rite in that jurisdiction must and shall be preserved."

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, who is very breezy and fresh, showing a healthy constitution in a very weak body of a Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite. No matter what he *Mayo*, he will pay it all up in time. His credit is good. He gives California a friendly tip and quotes liberally from Comp. CASWELL's tilt with Comp. JEROME, of the "Sucker State" of Illinois.

Comp. THOMAS SEAL was elected Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Recorder and Keeper of the *Seal*.

MINNESOTA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota held its twenty-second Annual Assembly in Masonic Hall, at St. Paul, on Monday, October 12th, 1891.

Comp. ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, *as* Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There were eight Councils represented, being the full number in that jurisdiction, with a membership of 725.

There were also present Representatives from twenty-two other Grand Councils, including Comp. WILLIAM A. SPAULDING, the Representative from California.

The great seal of this Grand Council is a queer concern. It looks like a windmill set in a cistern, with the wheel just above the ground, while its supports rest upon a square box at the bottom with a Maltese Cross upon it. Around the sides of the cistern is rubble-work, and the whole thing below looking like some sort of a sewer-trap. But yet it may be appropriate for that jurisdiction, after all, for Minnesota is, if we mistake not, "the State of Muddy Water," and the seal itself may represent some sort of a filter, and there may be a Maltese cat in the box at the base. It might be a useful thing to the United States Government in boring post-office sites, as has been found necessary in San Francisco.

The Address of the Grand Master is a good one, and his report of the condition of the Cryptic Rite in his jurisdiction shows that he has been faithful at his post. There has been a small net gain of forty-three members during the past year.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Recorder, who only reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, California not being of the number is left out in the cold. We would like to walk him along *Montgomery* street, New Montgomery street, and Montgomery avenue in San Francisco, for about an hour and a half, and to the Masonic Temple, on the corner of Post and Montgomery streets, and then say to him, "Companion MONTGOMERY, will you do so again?"

Comp. WILLIAM G. TEN BROOK, of Duluth, was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, of St. Paul, elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The twenty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Hampshire, was held at Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Concord, May 19th, A. D. 1890. Anno Dep.·. 2890.

Comp. JOSHUA W. HUNT, *M.·· I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Eight Councils of the eleven in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 1,045, were represented. An increase of nineteen during the year.

Fifteen representatives of other Grand Councils were present, but California was not represented, Where wert thou, Comp. JOHN F. MAYNARD? Were you squaring the main yard or splicing the main-brace?

The Address of the Grand Master is short and sweet. Yet his labors during his term of office show that he has not been on a "still hunt." He had visited three Councils in his jurisdiction, one of which was working under dispensation, but received a charter as *Oliret* Council, No. 11, at Exeter.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, who reviews the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils in thirty-three pages; and two and a half are given to California, or one-twelfth of the whole, which shows a generous *Clearage* on his part given to Califoonia, in which he quotes liberally at length from Comp. CASWELL'S remarks upon the Grand Council of Illinois. You do well, Comp. CLEAVES, in thus quoting Comp. CASWELL. In Masonic legislation, jurisprudence, correspondence and work, he has no superior, and is standard authority; and if you "swing with him around the circle," you cannot materially err in your conclusions when referring to his decisions or criticisms. *Cleave* to him and you will do well.

As the question of *seals* has become one of international importance, perhaps that of the Grand Council of the "Old Granite State" may be considered. It also is a curious thing to look at. The base of the triangle

is uppermost, and fastened by wire or a string to the center of the disc of a radiating sun. The wire or string that held the trowel has apparently been burned off, and it is falling. Above the triangle are two cuffs with sleeve-buttons, and trimmed with ruffs. Perhaps the Companion who wrought it quit work and dropped the trowel at high twelve and did not stop to dress up and put on his cuffs.

Comp. JOSHUA W. HUNT, of Nashua, was re-elected Grand Master, and GEORGE P. CLEAVES, of Concord, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

The thirty-third Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey was held at Masonic Hall, Trenton, on Tuesday, January 27th, A. D. 1891, A. Dep., 2891.

Comp. LINSLEY ROWE, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Six out of the seven subordinate Councils of this jurisdiction, with a membership of 402 (an increase of 27 for the past year), were represented.

Representatives from twenty other Grand Councils, including Comp. JOHN M. KNAPP, Representative for California, were present.

The Address of the Grand Master, who presides over so small a jurisdiction with so limited a constituency, is unexceptionally fine. It bears throughout the whole of it the evidences of a genial disposition, gentlemanly refinement and one well skilled in the use of the sword and trowel, as well as Masonic lore.

He pays a deserved and feeling tribute to the memory of Comp. JOSEPH HOUGH, the first Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New Jersey and who also had served the Grand Lodge of that State for a period of nearly fifty years. [It may also be remarked that he was the last Grand Secretary who signed a charter or dispensation for a Masonic Lodge to be established in California. This was New Jersey Lodge under dispensation granted by *R.·. W.·.* Edward Stewart, Deputy Grand Master, March 1st, 1849, to Bro. THOMAS YOUNGS, Worshipful Master, and others to open a Lodge in the Territory of California. This Lodge was opened at Sacramento City by Bro. JOHN C. CROCKETT (to whom the authority had been conveyed), on December 4th, 1849, and was represented in the Convention which organized the Grand Lodge of California, April 19th, 1850.]

In speaking of Comp. JOSEPH HOUGH, he says:

"In the discharge of the responsibilities devolving upon him in these various positions of honor and trust, he had ample scope for the exercise of those marked qualities of mind and heart for which he was so well known, and which so endeared him to the hearts of those with whom he was associated. Faithful and accurate in the performance of all his duties; ever courteous, kind and sympathetic in his intercourse with his brethren, surely no more perfectly-rounded life than his, can be found in the Masonic history of this State; from youth to old age it was entirely devoted to the Order he loved so well; and when, after more than half a century of zealous service in the good cause, his task was finished, he sank peace-

fully to rest, ripe in years and full of honors, with the consciousness of having faithfully discharged his duty to the Craft.

I can find nowhere a more fitting reflection on such a life as his, than in the words of Bryant:

'Why mourn ye that our aged friend is dead?
Ye are not sad to see the gathered grain,
Nor when their mellow fruits the orchards cast,
Nor when the yellow woods let fall the ripened mast.

'Why weep ye then for him, who having won
The bound of man's appointed years, at last,
Life's blessings all enjoyed, life's labors done,
Serenely to his final rest has passed;
While the soft memory of his virtues, yet
Lingers like twilight hues, when the bright sun is set?

'And I am glad that he has lived thus long,
And glad that he has gone to his reward;
Nor can I deem that Nature did him wrong,
Softly to disengage the vital cord.
For when his hand grew palsied, and his eye
Dark with the mists of age, it was his time to die.'

Let us revere and cherish his memory; let us strive to emulate the example of meekness, faithfulness and industry that he has set us; and let us hope that when we too shall be called to pass within the veil, we shall share with him in the companionship of that Council where the Supreme Architect forever presides.

It is my wish and recommendation that a memorial page be set apart in the proceedings of this Grand Council, dedicated to the memory of our beloved Comp. JOSEPH H. HOUGH."

The Grand Master had made general official visitations that were well timed and productive of the best results to the Rite. In announcing the restoration of the warrant to *Scott's* Council, No. 1, at New Brunswick, he says:—

"You can then imagine with what surprise and pleasure I received at the eleventh hour a letter from Companion BORDEN, asking me to meet with some of the members on the evening of January 7th, in the hope of starting the wheels once more. Accompanied by Grand Recorder BECHTEL and Illustrious Companion REDWAY (himself a member of *Scott* Council), I visited New Brunswick, and found awaiting us ten of the members. Never shall I forget that meeting. My visit was made with many fears and misgivings, but when I assumed the chair and looked around upon that assemblage of white-haired veterans, most of whom had passed the line of three-score years and ten; and listened to the story of the struggles they had endured for the sake of their beloved Council, and their fervent expressions of hope that their efforts to resuscitate it might be crowned with success during their lifetimes, I felt that *Scott* Council was not dead, but that there still lingered on its altar a spark of true Masonic fire that neither time nor adversity had been able to extinguish, and that only needed new material and proper encouragement to burst forth once more into brightness.

"A petition signed by the members present was tendered to me, asking for the restoration of the warrant; I granted them a dispensation to hold the meeting and proceeded to open the Council. I then made careful inquiry as to the number who could be depended upon to support the Council should it be reinstated, and also as to the prospects of an increased

membership in the near future. In addition to the promises made in their petition, I received the personal assurances of every member present. that so far as lay in their power they would devote their energies to the task of reorganizing the Council, and would leave nothing undone that could promote its welfare; and, in confirmation of the sincerity of their purpose, they presented me with the petitions of five new candidates who were then in waiting.

Upon these facts, and there appearing to be no reason for further delay, I restored the warrant, and reinstated the Thrice Illustrious Master in the chair which had been so long vacant.

We cannot too highly praise this kind and considerate action of Grand Master ROWE. The remembrance of it in his latter years will be one of the greenest spots of a well spent life, and will be a crown of emerald and gold sparkling with diamond dew drops, when his head shall shine with the silver of an honorable old age. Comp. ROWE thou has done well in this, and blessings be upon thee.

There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspendence.

Comp. LEWIS G. DAWSON, of Newark, was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master and Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL, of Trenton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Nebraska convened in Annual Assembly in Freemasons' Hall, Columbus, Nebraska, Tuesday, December 15th, 1891.

Comp. FRANK H. YOUNG, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Representatives from six Councils were present. Number of Councils and members not given.

Representatives from other Grand Councils are not given, and we cannot find among the officers and members of that Grand Council that of the Representative from California, Comp. EDWIN A. ALLEN of North Loup. Now, EDWIN A. ALLEN, who are you and where are you and where were you? Give us your genealogy and report at once to the writer, EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, the reason of your absence.

The whole proceedings of this Grand Council only occupy six and a quarter pages, and there is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Master's Address only occupied a little more than one page. He says:—

"The Craft and our Cryptic Rite in particular is on the high road to prosperity. During the year I have formed Councils under dispensation at Schuyler, Columbus, York and Superior. In each of these cities the work is in the hands of loyal and energetic Companions, in whose zeal and fidelity I feel assured we may with safety confide. I bespeak for them a cordial greeting at this Grand Assembly. In addition to these, there are three or four other localities that will probably organize Councils early this coming year, so that our independent existence, if it was ever in doubt, is now assured."

We congratulate him upon this intelligence.

Comp. JAMES GILBERT was elected Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM R. BOWEN re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York convened in Annual Assembly in the Grand Council Room, Masonic Hall, corner of Sixth Avenue and 23d Street, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, September 8th, A. D. 1891, Anno Dep. 2891, at 10 o'clock A. M.—*R.·. Ill.·.* ALEXANDER B. KING, Acting Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE VANVLIET, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Twenty-three out of the twenty-four Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 3,121 (a net increase of 124 of the past year), were represented.

Representatives from twenty-seven Grand Councils were also present, not including California. Comp. BYRON S. FRISBIE, where wert thou?

"A letter was received from *M.·. I.·.* JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr., Grand Master, announcing his inability to be present at this Assembly, by reason of sickness in his '*immediate*' family."

[Query. Is it customary in this jurisdiction for a Companion to have more than one family, 'immediate' and otherwise?]

The Address of Grand Master MACOMB was then read.

Immediately following the congratulations and customary greetings in the opening, an Obituary is given upon the death of Past Grand Master CHARLES W. BROWN, accompanied by an official letter *in memoriam* of his life and character, with the notice of badges of mourning to be worn by the Companions of that jurisdiction for a period of sixty days.

Brief references are made to the deaths of those distinguished Masons and Comps. ALBERT PIKE, of Washington, D. C., ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, of Massachusetts, and H. D. GAILARD, of South Carolina, and says:—

"We are taught that 'Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion;' consequently, wherever the chords of sorrow in a brother's breast are swept by the hand of affliction, the Masonic heart should throb in sympathy throughout the world. I am sure I express the sentiments of this Grand Council, when I extend your heartfelt sympathy to all Companions, wherever dispersed, upon whom the rod of affliction has fallen."

Ten of the Grand Officers had been delegated to make official visitations to the subordinate Councils in the several districts into which the State of New York has been divided. In speaking of them, he says:—

"These visitations have not all been made, but the Grand Officers, in their reports, have given good and sufficient excuses for such failure. From their reports, however, or from personal visitation, or from correspondence, I am able to assure the Grand Council of the continued and increasing prosperity of the Cryptic Rite in this State."

Among the Representatives of seven other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of New York, who have been accredited by him, is Comp. BYRON S. FRISBIE, Representative from California.

He says, also:—

"I have also asked the Grand Councils of Scotland and Mississippi to

make an interchange of Representatives with us. I have thus far received no response from Scotland.

"From Mississippi I have received, notice that since the Grand Council of New York has become a constituent of the General Grand Council, it has ceased to be the peer of the Grand Council of Mississppi; hence the latter cannot recognize it by appointing a Representative to it, or receiving one from it. This, coming as it does from the inventor of the 'Merger,' and from a Grand Council which would now be quietly reposing in the arms of Capitular Masonry had it not been for the organization of the General Grand Council, seems to be the most arrogant presumption. This subject has been treated at length by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whose report I would particularly invite your attention.

"I have rendered the following decisions upon questions that have been submitted to me:—

"1. A member of a dormant Council, who was in good standing when his Council ceased work, has the same right to visit Councils that a member of an active Council has.

"2. A Council can, between the time of the election and installation of its officers, perform any regular work or transact any regular business at a stated Assembly."

He had accepted the invitation of the Grand Master of Masons of New York to attend the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Asylum at Utica on the 21st of May, and the Grand Council, with nearly all of the Grand Officers and representatives of many of the Councils of the State, were present. In relation to the General Grand Council, he said:—

"It was my privilege to represent this Grand Council in the General Grand Council of the United States of America in its fourth Triennial Assembly, at Minneapolis, Minn., on July 21st. The sessions of this assembly were well attended by the representatives of the several constituent Grand Councils, and by many visitors from the independent Grand Councils, as well as by the representatives of the Councils subordinate to the General Grand Council. The work of the General Grand Council was marked by that harmony that has always been characteristic of this body. At the election of officers our own JOHN W. COBURN was advanced to the second place in the Council."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by *M.·. P.·.* GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, Past Grand Master, who reviews the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Councils, CALIFORNIA, Nebraska and Pennsylvania being out in the cold, he not having received their proceedings. The report covers thirty-seven pages of fine print and solid matter. It is well written and the matters treated of are handled in the most skillful manner.

In his opening concerning making the Cryptic Rite prerequisite to taking the Commandery degrees, he says:—

"In our report last year, considering the fact that there was no subject of paramount importance to engross the efforts of our Companions in the different States at that time, in reference to the advancement of the Cryptic Rite, we suggested that the subject of making the cryptic degrees prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, should again be taken up and advanced to the front with the hope that a successful determination of the question in our favor might be arrived at. In reading over the reviews and opinions which are expressed in the different Grand Jurisdictions, some in favor of the proposition, others opposed to its being again brought

up under the belief that such efforts would be without avail, we are inclined to the opinion that the subject should be continued in agitation until each and every Grand Jurisdiction can move along in one solid phalanx, engaged in earnest, aggressive work tending to the accomplishment of that success in this line to which, it is claimed on the part of Cryptic Masons, we are entitled.

"We leave this question for the working of the leaven in the different Grand Jurisdictions, and if it is concluded that the time has come when this question should again be presented for consideration, we are ready to do our part towards its consummation, or if not now, whenever it is deemed proper to enter upon the work."

We earnestly hope and trust that such will not be realized. You cannot make the nine subterranean arches of the Hebrews and Phœnicians the cloisters of the Christian Temple, which is above ground, with Mt. Calvary for its altar and the cross its shrine.

There is an end to the Ninth Arch or Secret Vault, and it is impenetrable beyond. Solomon's Temple was complete of itself, both above and below ground.

Cryptic Masonry teaches its own distinct lessons, has its own legends and traditions and should be left alone, where it is. To do otherwise would be to convert it into catacombs, and place only skeletons of dead knights in its crypts, and we do not want that sort of statuary and sculpture to ornament the arches of this covered way and fill it with dead men's bones.

The Royal and Select Masters' Degrees are purely Scottish Rite, originally emanating from the Southern Supreme Council and given as side degrees. Subordinate Councils in several of the States were organized by it and under its jurisdiction until released from their allegiance to form their own State Grand Councils in 1868.

As well might the cities of the inland States expect through passengers from New York to San Francisco to stop off and invest in their real estate, as the Councils of Royal and Select Masters to expect or require a fellow who is after the plumes of the Templar to stop and work with the trowel beneath the earth and out of sight. The vast majority only want rich placer diggings, and not deep mining, where lies the crystal gold in its matrix of quartz, which requires brains, skill, patience and hard labor to successfully release it from its adamantine imprisonment.

Open the Councils of Royal and Select Masters to members of the Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite, as well as to those of the Royal Arch Chapter of the American Rite, and you will find no difficulty in getting plenty of good workmen from Gebal, who will quickly recognize their own.

Why not make the connection between the two Rites on the neutral ground in the Councils of Royal and Select Masters, instead of having them unite by being stuck together at the top in the gum arabic adhesion of that parasite of buffoonery known as the "Mystic Shrine," which crowns the pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, with the caps and bells of the harlequin, the clown and the fool?

In his review of Kentucky and Massachussets, Comp. OSGOODBY in speaking of the action taken by the Grand Council of the former against the *Cerneau* fraud, says:—

"We were also surprised at the adoption of this amendment, as we do not believe it to be wise for the Cryptic Rite to set itself up as a judge of the legality of Bodies outside of its own affiliation. The Cryptic Rite is the summit and perfection of and finishes the degrees of Masonry which are known as the Ancient York Rite—the real Ancient Craft Masonry; and with the questions which are in dispute as between the different Bodies of the Scottish Rite, as to loyalty regularity and originality, it has in our opinion no authority to judge."

Now that is the pure Cerneau doctrine and argument throughout, and no better advocate could be found for that imposture than Comp. OSGOODBY if these are his real sentiments. In our opinion the Grand Council of Kentucky did perfectly right, in purging the Secret Vault and its entrances from the venomous spy and intruder. Any regular legitimate body of Freemasonry being sovereign has a right to keep itself pure and clean from contamination, from contagious disease, and to declare what material shall be excluded or admitted within it and to prescribe regulations for its subordinates and membership, which are to be governed by them. And of all the organizations of Freemasonry of the American Rite (not Ancient York) which should be the first to declare itself upon the side of right and legitimancy are the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, the degrees of which had their origin within the bosom of the Supreme Council of the 33d Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States; and not to stand upon the principles of right and justice in recognizing the legitimacy of the mother would be for all the regular Councils of Royal and Select Masters throughout the world to raise suspicion as to the legitimacy of their own origin, and a willingness to compromise the character of their mother, and shamelessly proclaim themselves bastards.

Let New York Masonry clean itself from top to bottom throughout. That jurisdiction, almost from the beginning, has been diseased and contaminated. Its Grand Lodge was split in twain, and it has had three Grand Lodges; schisms, "treason, stratagems and spoils," in every branch of Freemasonry and of every Rite, and it has given birth to and propagated every schism, invasion and adulteration among the workmen and been the hotbed and fertile field of fraud and imposture, and it ought to be quarantined, fumigated, sulphurized and deodorized.

Every other jurisdiction in these United States has, to a greater or lesser extent, been the sufferer and still suffering from the plague of infection from the frauds, intruders and impostors of New York. Purge your own Grand Lodge and every other Body of Freemasonry in the "Empire State" and no longer go to bed with harlots at night and rise up with prostitution in the morning.

California joins heart and hand with Kentucky on this question, and they will stand together. No neutrality in this conflict on this question

when the Temple itself is assaulted and in danger. We guard the Secret Vault!

Comp. ALEXANDER B. KING, of Troy, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. GEORGE VAN VLIET, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

The sixty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Ohio, was held in the Masonic Cathedral, Cincinnati, Ohio, on Tuesday, October 6th, 1891—Comp. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Forty-two Councils out of forty-seven, with a membership of 3,182—an increase of 183 for the past year—were represented.

The Grand Recorder says:—"Grand Representatives were received and acknowledged for Grand Councils. Their names are subsequently noted."

On the roll we find that Comp. ARTHUR P. CRANE, of Toledo, Grand Representative from California, is marked with a star, which means "present."

After solemn invocation by the Illustrious Grand Chaplain, the Grand Council proceeded to the transaction of business.

"Learning that there was in the ante-chamber Most Puissant General Grand Master of the *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Council of the United States, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master ACKLIN requested Past Grand Masters W. M. CUNNINGHAM, GEORGE MCBRIDE and DAVID D. WINEGARNER to escort him into the Assembly; and they presented Comp. ORESTES A. B. SENTER, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, who had been installed Most Puissant Grand Master at Minneapolis, Minn. He was received with Grand Honors, and tendered the chair. In declining, he made acknowledgment of the honor of his reception, and felicitated the General Grand Council at having so earnest and prosperous a Grand Council as that of Ohio in its ranks.

"*M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master presented to the Grand Council *M.·. W.·.* Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Ohio, Bro. LEVI C. GOODALE, who was received with Grand Honors, and responded.

"*M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master Comp. ACKLIN introduced to the Grand Council Comp. JAMES W. IREDELL, JR., of this city, *M.·. E.·.* Grand High Priest, who was received with Grand Honors, and made response. He was seated in the East."

The Grand Master's Address is a model worthy to be followed by every other Grand Master of a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, wherever located.

He has been active, devoted and industrious in the performance of his duties, and the Secret Vault has not suffered under his paternal care.

Among his decisions was the following, from which in part we dissent. He says:—

"I received a letter from the Thrice Illustrious Master of *Columbus* Council No. 8, which was accompanied by a newspaper account of the alleged withdrawal of *Naw England* Lodge, No. 4, from allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The Illustrious Companion wrote that several members of his Council were also members of this Lodge, and asked me

if he had authority to declare them expelled without a trial. As his Council met the evening of the same day I received his letter, I answered by telegram as follows:—

"'Allegiance to the Grand Lodge cannot be renounced by resolution, and your members are in good Council standing until tried and convicted, unless Grand Master Goodale takes action.'

"This decision I subsequently confirmed by mail."

Open defiant treason and desertion to the enemy, like the above, is sufficient evidence and notice to any regular Master Mason, subordinate Lodge or any officer or regular organized Body of Freemasonry that recognizes the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge; and the act *per se* is a sufficient warrant for action against such treason and desertion, without having to wait the action of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. Suppose he was in collusion and secretly aiding and abetting such treason and desertion and took no action at all against them? What then? Would it be necessary to wait until the Grand Lodge was convened and try him, declare his office vacant and expel him first, before a Grand Council could act? By no means. In war, if a sentry observes a deserter fleeing to the enemy he does not wait for special orders from the Commander-in-Chief, but shoots him down at once, if his aim is good. When a traitor openly proclaims his own desertion and treason, it is due notice to all. He is an outlaw by his own act, and not by sentence of a court martial which has not been convened. The sword of a Royal and Select Master is to protect the trowel, and when he sees the latter converted into a spear head by a deserter and rebel, in defiance to regular constituted authority to which he has become a traitor by a willful violation of his obligation, then it is his duty to cut him down at once, before his "treason is made to flourish."

Of the General Grand Council he says:—

"July 21, 1891, in company with Excellent Comp. W. W. SAVAGE, proxy of the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master and Most Worshipful Brother, and Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, proxy of the Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work, I attended the session of the General Grand Council at Minneapolis, Minn. A large number of delegates were in attendance, and an interesting and instructive session was held. While no legislation of importance was enacted, the bringing together of the leaders of the various Grand Jurisdictions offered an opportunity for the interchange of opinion upon subjects of great importance to the Craft that could not otherwise have been offered, and I believe every delegate present was amply compensated.

"The Fraternity of the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul were untiring in their efforts to add to the social enjoyment of the occasion, and a round of festivities pressed closely upon the serious work of the Assembly. To the Masons of Ohio it is a subject of congratulation that upon this occasion two of our Companions were highly honored.

"*M.·. E.·.* Comp. REUBEN C. LEMMON was elected General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter, and in the General Grand Council *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. ORESTES A. B. SENTER was elected Most Puissant General Grand Master. I believe it is the only time one of our members has been elevated to the first office in a General Grand Masonic Body."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by that staunch and able Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, who reviews the proceedings of twenty-two out of the thirty Grand Councils of the United States in just fifty pages. California, however, finds itself out in the cold, the proceedings not having been received. He is an adroit fencer, but seems to prefer to foil a thrust, rather than to make one *en longe*. He will always be found *en garde*, ready to parry and half return *en tierce*. His good nature may, perhaps, allow for this, not being too greatly disposed to take advantage of the fretting weakness of his perturbed antagonist. We admire his logic and conclusions. If he is a STACKER he is not a hay-seed, though we hope he will always live in clover.

We return our grateful acknowledgments for the honor conferred upon us by being appointed Representative from this Grand Council near that of California, and will endeavor faithfully to perform the duties. *Muchas gracias.*

Comp. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, of Toledo, was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. JOHN D. CALDWELL re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON.

The fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Oregon was held at Masonic Hall, East Portland, Oregon, On Wednesday, March 5th, 1890, Anno Dep. 2890—Comp. GEORGE MCD. STROUD, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. CHARLES W. TALMAGE, *as* Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Representatives from the three Councils of this jurisdiction, with a membership of 127 (a loss of two during the year) were present.

Representatives from other Grand Councils, including Comp. SETH L. POPE, of California, were present.

The Grand Master's Address is very brief and concise. He pays a fitting tribute to the memories of Comp. M. N. CHAPMAN and Comp. ASA H. HODSON, which, together with his conclusion, we copy entire.

"NECROLOGY.

"Since our last Assembly the following Companions have closed their earthly labors and been summoned hence. We mourn their loss and cherish their memory.

"Comp. M. N. CHAPMAN, of *Pioneer* Council, No. 1, died at his home at Salem, on May 5th, 1889.

"The hand of the reaper
Takes the ear that is hoary,
But the voice of the weeper
Wails manhood in glory."

"Comp. ASA H. HODSON, also of *Pioneer* Council, No. 1, the founder of the Cryptic Rite in Oregon, died at McMinnville, Oregon, May 6th, 1889.

"Nothing I could say to you, Companions, of this good man and distinguished Mason, would further endear him to your memory, and to him

"* * * farewell whose merits claimed,
Justly, the highest badge to wear!
May heaven bless his honored name,
To Masonry and friendship dear."

"A synopsis of his Masonic history is contained in the following extracts from the pen of our illustrious Representative near the Grand Council of Indiana, Comp. WILLIAM HACKER:

"We have been officially informed that our Representative near the Grand Council of Oregon, Illustrious Comp. ASA H. HODSON, has passed from mortal vision to that far-off country where life is swallowed up in immortality. * * * * * * * *

"ASA HERVEY HODSON, whose memory we desire here to place upon record, was born in Clinton County, Ohio, October 1, 1830, and died at McMinnville, Oregon, May 6, 1889, in the fifty-ninth year of his age. *

"Comp. HODSON was made a Mason in *Dublin* Lodge, U. D., now No. 349, on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, February 3, 1855. As opportunity offered he advanced until he attained the higher degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, in all of which he became quite proficient, serving several years as Master of his Lodge and High Priest of his Chapter. In 1872 he represented his Chapter in the Grand Chapter, at which time he received the order of High Priesthood in our own State Council of that Order. * * * * * * * *

"On transferring his residence to the State of Oregon, and finding no other Masonic organizations on that part of the Pacific coast but Lodge and Chapter, he at once set about organizing a Council of the Cryptic Rite at his then place of residence. Nor did he cease his efforts until he had the required number of Councils organized, and a Grand Council for his adopted State in successful operation, himself taking the responsible station of its first Illustrious Grand Master. Nor did the zeal of our Illustrious Companion in our mystic rites cease at this point. For, as before stated, having received the order of High Priesthood here in our own State Council, he never rested satisfied until he had a Council of High Priests organized for his adopted State. Here, as in the Cryptic Rite, taking the position of its first President. And in that capacity he conferred that most beautiful and sublime Order for the first time it had been conferred on the Northern Pacific coast."

"I recommend that a suitable memorial page be devoted to each in our printed proceedings."

"It seems to me, Companions, that the Cryptic Rite in this Grand Jurisdiction does not receive the attention that its part in the Masonic edifice should attract. The Lodge and Chapter form but a part of the great "moral science which is taught by degrees only;" and he who has not received the light dispensed in the Council *is not* and *cannot* be a *perfect* Mason. Nevertheless, from the fact that so few seem to feel a desire to possess that perfect light (in consequence of which the Cryptic Rite makes such slow progress in this State), it would be better, in my judgment, to discontinue our efforts to keep up this Grand Council, but to still have a Council in the State, here, at McMinnville, at Corvallis, or where we will. In this way we can have one thrifty organization within the reach of all, without the trouble and expense of keeping up a Grand Council. Then all who so desire can avail themselves of the opportunity of perfecting themselves in Masonic light and knowledge, while the fraternal warmth and genial glow of one thrifty Council will spread, where now lie the cold and death-like shadows of three whose pulses scarcely beat and whose lights are well-nigh extinguished.

"With this recommendation for our good I return to you the gavel entrusted to me one year ago and bid you one and all a fraternal Godspeed.

"G. McD. STROUD,
"Grand Master."

This Address was referred to a Committee, who reported the following:—

"The following report of the Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers was read and, on motion, adopted:—

"*To the Grand Council of Oregon R. and S. Masters, in session:*

"Your Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Master, after carefully examining the same, beg to report that, in our opinions, all the official acts and appointments therein set forth should be sustained and endorsed by this Grand Council.

"We recommend that such part of the Address as relates to our fraternal dead be referred to a special committee.

"In regard to the recommendation of the Grand Master that this Grand Council be dissolved and that the three Subordinate Councils be merged into one, your Committee would most respectfully and earnestly disagree with said recommendation, and we express a hope that nothing will be done by this Grand Council that will in any manner lead to the conclusion that we are discouraged or despondent, but that we cheerfully look the future in the face with a firm faith in the fealty of the subordinate Councils and the earnestness of our Companions in the jurisdiction.

WALLACE BALDWIN,
F. J. BABCOCK,
S. BULLOCK,
Committee."

Good for the Committee. Better a natural death than suicide, for there is no honor or bravery therewith. If you have to go down, then set every sail and, with all your colors flying, meet the inevitable, if it must come that way. "For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth and the stock thereof die in the ground, yet, through the scent of water it will bud and bring forth boughs like a plant."

The Grand Council of Oregon will not die either a natural death or commit *felo de se*, so long as there is a faithful ZABUD to guard the Secret Vault on the banks of the Columbia or Willamette.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by one whom all loved but who has laid aside the pen forever, and joined that Grand Council in the Celestial Vault where no sepulchral lamps are swinging, but where the flaming incandescent lights of Heaven shine far off in those grand etherial arches, lit up by God's own eternal sun, the exhaustless fountain of all life and light of His illimitable domain, there our beloved and lamented Comp. FRELON JASPER BABCOCK is resting beneath the smiles of the Supreme Grand Master of us all. The report is brief, occupying but fifteen pages in all, and as if cognizant that this would be his last work in the Grand Council of Oregon, he winds up with the following conclusion, which we give in full:—

"Companions:—Our task is done and we submit to you the result of our labors. Our report is not as full as we would wish. We have reviewed all the proceedings which have come to our hands.

"In reading the several proceedings we have found much to interest us and very much which we would have been glad to incorporate in this report, but having been warned that the Grand Council could not afford to pay for printing a lengthy report we have endeavored to present just enough from each jurisdiction reviewed to give you a correct understand-

ing of the state of the Rite. No new questions have been presented and the old ones appear to have been pretty well ventilated and worked out. Peace and harmony prevail among the constituents of the General Grand Council, and those Grand Councils who are still outside of that body are cooling down and there is a noticeable improvement in their feelings toward that Grand Body as expressed in their action and reviews. About the only bone of contention left is the status of the Royal and Select Masters made in Royal Arch Chapters. It appears to us that this is a matter which can be easily settled and one that will be, just so soon as the parties at interest lay aside their tempers and prejudices and approach the solution in a spirit of toleration and brotherly love. This thing of 'bulldozing' will not work in Masonry; it has no place in the order, and the sooner we all realize the fact that charity is the foundation stone of Masonry the better it will be for all concerned. May the day soon come when the Royal and Select Masons of all jurisdictions, wheresoever made, may meet and work their regular hours and part as brethren.

"To our brother correspondents we would extend our thanks for their many kind words for us and our Grand Council, and as we may not come up to the feast again, we will say good bye.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,

F. J. BABCOCK."

A feeling of sadness came over us as we took up the Proceedings of the Grand Council of Oregon, and before concluding a letter is received announcing the sinking condition of our beloved Comp. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR, 33°, the first Mason made on the Pacific Coast, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, Past Grand High Priest of Oregon, Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master of the Grand Council of Oregon, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oregon, and a member of all the Bodies of the A. and A. S. Rite in that State, and an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction. Ere this report may be printed, he also may have crossed the river. We await the sorrowful tidings of his departure with mournful anticipation, and shall bow our head in reverential grief when the clock strikes announcing his entrance into eternity. He is Masonry's first born upon the Pacific Coast, and worthy the Supreme Grand Master's warm embrace. He has been our dearest friend, brother and companion in the "Jewel State," and as Vice-President of the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast for that jurisdiction for the past eleven years he has been an honor to his State, and to whom we have been bound with cords of fraternal love like that between Jonathan and David.

Comp. WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD, of Corvallis, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. FRELON J. BABCOCK, of Salem, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Oregon, was held at Masonic Hall, McMinnville, Oregon, on Wednesday, February 4th, 1891, Anno Dep. 2891. Comp. WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. C. W. TALMAGE, *as* Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Representatives were present from three Councils, with a membership of 130—being a gain of three for the past year—were present.

Representatives from other jurisdictions are not mentioned as being present.

The Grand Master's Address is very brief, occupying but two pages and a half; but it is business-like, terse, and full of lively hope expressed and cheering encouragement. He is made of the right stuff and the word *fail* is not to be found in his lexicon. He says:—

"It is my earnest desire to see the Grand Council of Oregon rank with any of the Masonic Grand Bodies of this State."

Shake, Comp. CRAWFORD, across the Siskiyou Mountains; we of California are heartily with you. May abundant prosperity and success attend you in all of your noble efforts.

"A communication from Comp. FRELON J. BABCOCK, Grand Recorder, enclosing his Annual Report, and conveying his regrets that poor health prevented his being present, was read and ordered placed on file."

Comp. WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD was re-elected Grand Master and Comp. FRELON J. BABCOCK re-elected Grand Recorder.

Comp. BABCOCK has since died, and not having the proceedings of the Grand Council of Oregon for 1892, we are unable to review them or know who was elected his successor.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Council of Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters of Pennsylvania held its forty-fifth Annual Assembly at the Freemason's Hall, Pittsburg, Wednesday, February 18th, A. D. 1891. Anno Dep. 2891.

Comp. JOSHUA L. LYTE, *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, *R.·. P.·.* Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Representatives from eleven Councils out of the twenty-one, with a membership of 1742—a gain of 116 during the past year—were represented.

Representatives from other Grand Councils are not noted as being present.

The Address of the Grand Master is one of no ordinary merit, and shows that it is a full official report of duties conscientiously and well performed. The administration of affairs in his hands as per his exhibit, has been promotive of the best interests of Cryptic Masonry in the "Keystone State." He has let his LYTE shine so that others seeing his good works may take example and do likewise. As to the state of the Councils he says :--

"I am glad to be able to state that the Councils for the past few years have been steadily improving in their condition and in the interest taken in the work."

He then unselfishly gives credit to whom credit is due, and continues:--

"I think this steady improvement with all due respect to the Grand Masters who preceded and succeeded him, is due in a great measure to the

interest created by *Ill.·*. Comp. CHARLES K. FRANCIS during the year he served as Grand Master.

"The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are in the main encouraging, and they show a healthier condition of the Councils than before. * * * * and I believe that this will continue, and each year the Grand Council of Pennsylvania will become stronger and stronger, and more and more interest taken in the work."

"So mote it be!"

He says further:—

"In a conversation, not long since, with a prominent Mason, he informed me that a short time before he had a talk on the subject of Masonry with a friend of his, with whom I am also acquainted. He lives in one of the larger cities in this State, and is a member of a Consistory. He is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and is a Past Master of his Lodge and a Past Commander of his Commandery. In course of this talk the Cryptic Degrees were mentioned, and he said he '*had never heard of them before.*' Surely in cases like this a little missionary work would not be harmful."

Well now, if that fellow is n't an inconsistent Consistory Mason we do not know what to call him. A member of a Consistory! Whew! What a Knight of the Ninth Arch of the Royal Arch of Solomon! A Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Mason, received and consecrated in the Secret Vault he must be, to be sure! Saw both of our legs off with a bar of soft soap. What intelligence! Shades of MACKEY and PIKE! BOB MCCOY, do you hear that? What sort of a Cryptic Mason, a Royal, Select and Super Excellent Master would that plumed knight make, we would like to know. More *creep tick* and *decrepit* than anything else, we think.

Ashishar! AHISHAR!! you may sleep and may snore
As long as you please at the Secret Vaults' door;
Take your full ease while the fly on your nose
Will be the only intruder to disturb your repose.
Get over your drunk from wine, or from malt,
The treasures are safe in the Great Secret Vault,
For this Master, Commander, this Mason so bright,
"*Ne'er heard of the Nine Arches*" that were builded at night!
This "Grand Elect Mason so 'Perfect, Subline'!"
A Prince of Jerusalem, too, once in his time!!
Knight of Rose Croix!!! and Knight of Kadosh!!!!
And "Consistory Prince of the Royal Secret" !!!!! *Oh "Josh" !!!!!!*
What a delightful "Companion" this Templar would make
To be the "King's friend" whose hand he would shake.
How instructive his converse! how charming his speech!
What acumen display and what lore he would teach!
"*Ne'er heard of the Cryptic Degrees!*" Amazement Supreme!
Ignorance astounding! *la creme de la creme!*
Off with his plumes, his casque and his sword,
Send him back with the trowel to work for his board,
And give him the hod in which to carry his load,

While with the Craftsmen once more he makes his abode.
"*Ne'er heard of the Cryptic Degrees!*" Well I'll be durned!
This Master, Commander, this Templar so learn'd!
This Scottish Rite Mason of the Thirty-Second Degree!
Well, I'll give it up, tho' I'm THIRTY-THREE!

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, Grand Recorder.

It is very voluminous. He reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, California included, in just *five pages!* We wonder he did not get *Meyered* down in his own view. He gives California *just seven words!* two-thirds of a line, and no more! He says:—

"In California everything is peace and quiet."

So it is in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, in the Secret Vaults there, but it is not the peace and quiet of death in the Cryptic Rite in California.

In speaking of the proceedings of the various Grand Councils, he says:—

"These proceedings show that the cryptic degrees are being more cultivated and a greater interest manifested in them by the Royal Arch Mason who is seeking for the additional knowledge of the mystery of Freemasonry, *which is only to be found in the degrees which claim legitimately to be the summit and perfection* of Ancient *Craft Masonry*."

The italics are ours.

Comp. MEYER is a regular legitimate Scottish Rite Mason of the 33° like ourselves. We appreciate and value the degrees of Royal and Select Masters for all that they are worth. That of Royal Master should especially precede that of the Master Mason as well as that of the Select Master; that of Super-Excellent precede the Royal Arch to make them fit properly in their places, to fill out that system, and they teach grand historic legends and lessons; but they are not *all* of the cryptic degrees. The true and complete work of the Secret Vault can only be found in the fourteenth degree in the Lodge of Perfection in the A. and A. S. Rite, in which these degrees of Royal and Select Masters had their origin and given as side degrees as heretofore stated. We believe in adhering strictly to the truth. We do not believe that the Inspectors General, when they first gave them to those not of that Rite, ever intended or expected that they would take such organic form in bodies as to set aside or be given as substitutes for the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection, or to be turned over and attached to or be made a connecting link binding the Royal Arch Chapter and Commandery of Knights Templar together. The Master Mason immediately after being raised is better prepared to receive the Templar degree in full spirit and meaning than he is immediately after taking the degrees of the Royal Arch Chapter and Cryptic Council. "Destroy the Master Builder of the Temple and we will raise him for something higher," says the Master of the Lodge. "Destroy this Temple and in three days I will rebuild it," said CHRIST, speaking of the Temple

of the body, which is the Templar's symbol. But this is a digression and only intended for the purpose of applying the rules of logic and proper adaptation.

We concur in his conclusion.

"Of course, the reports of Committees on Correspondence are all well written! *The best of the kind!* Each Reporter is versed in the law in his own mind, and if the others do not agree with him, that is their fault, and yet with no good or evil results; if everything does not go right just as he wants it. The Reporters cannot make the law, they merely suggest references and cases for the Grand Masters. Neither do the Grand Officers make the Rite. It is on the Companion Select Masters that the future of Cryptic Masonry depends. Let them all humble themselves that they be exalted; let them hold the mirror up to nature and they will find that—

"This is the sum of all true righteousness,
Treat others as thou wouldst thyself be treated—
Do nothing to another that hereafter
Thou wouldst not have another do to thee.
In causing pleasure or in giving pain,
In doing good or injury to others,
In granting or refusing a request,
A man obtains a proper rule for action,
By looking at his neighbor as himself."

Comp. JOHN J. WADSWORTH was elected *M.·.P.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

The forty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Tennessee was held at Freemasons' Hall in the City of Nashville on Monday, January 25th, 1892, Anno Dep. 2892.

Comp. BARNARD A. PHILLIPS, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master presiding, and Comp. W. A. CLENDENING, *as* Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work. Representatives from the fifteen Councils, with a membership of 468, were present.

Representatives from nineteen Grand Councils, including Comp. JOHN B. GARRETT, Representative from California, were present.

The Grand Master's Address is short, but to the point, occupying but two and two-thirds pages in the proceedings, from which we take the following extracts:

"It is with a great degree of pleasure that I am able to certify to a most favorable condition of Cryptic Masonry in our jurisdiction. While the growth has not been rapid, yet harmony has prevailed in all the subordinate Councils, amd many who had grown lukewarm have returned to the fold with renewed zeal. From this we hope much good will come in the near future.

"Only one new Council has been organized during the year, a dispensation for which was granted October 23, 1891, to be known as *Kenton* Council, located at Kenton, Obion County, Tenn.

"Companions, in retiring from the exalted station to which you so kindly elected me, I confess to feelings which are not easily described, and I trust you will pardon me for expressing in the shortest manner possible my parting words.

"Let no bickerings come; hold fast to the faith that is in you; preserve it, for the good of the *whole Craft* depends upon the faith which fills the hearts of individual Companions. And now, allow me to return to you all my heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses shown me, and wish for each and every one of you long life, filled with happiness and prosperity, and when the still, small voice begins to warn you of the approach of the "grim monster," and at last you feel his icy touch, may your faith take hold on eternal things, may your last hours be filled with peace, and finally may we all join in a happy reunion in the glorious Grand Council above.

B. A. PHILLIPS,
M.·. I.·. Grand Master."

There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Comp. HENRY R. HOWARD, of Tullahoma, was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM A. CLENDENING, of Nashville, was elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

The thirty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont was held in the hall of *Burlington* Council, No. 5, R. and S. M., in the City of Burlington, Vermont, on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, A. D. 1891, Anno Dep. 2891—Comp. ORRIN W. ORCUTT, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Representatives from nineteen Councils out of twenty Councils, with 905 members, were present.

Representatives from twenty-three other Grand Councils, including Comp. GEORGE W. WING, from California, were present.

The Grand Master's Address, though brief, is a bright Masonic piece of work, and acceptable to those who work in the Secret Vault, and from which we take the following extracts:—

"The condition of the Rite in this Grand Jurisdiction is good. Among some of the subordinate Councils there seems to be active, busy life, vigorous growth and wonderful vitality; others have a sturdy look that seems to bid defiance to the ravages of time or circumstance, yet lack the freshness and vigor of the first; and while the 'convalescent period' may be a long one, it also gives promise of ultimate recovery. Still others appear to show age and the ravages of time, while a few seem to have fallen asleep, but it is not the sleep that knows no waking, and they may yet be aroused to new and vigorous life.

DEATHS.

"This Grand Jurisdiction mourns the loss by death of Past Most Illustrious Master FRANKLIN HAVEN BASCOM, who died at his home in Montpelier, Nov. 17, 1890. At the time of his death he was Grand Treasurer of the General Council. Who of us will ever forget his hearty greeting and pleasant face? He was a zealous Mason and genial Companion; his death seemed untimely, and we can but mourn.

"The Grand Lecturer of this Grand Council, JOSEPH C. RAWSON, died at Carson City, Colorado, where he had gone for his health, December 14, 1890; Past Thrice Illustrious of *Vermont* Council, No. 20; a zealous worker, an honored citizen, and a valued friend. News of his death did

not reach me until several months after his decease, so that no official action seemed advisable.

"We mourn the loss of that grand old man and Mason, JOHN B. HOLLENDECK, for many years Grand Recorder of this Grand Council, and the oldest Mason at the time of his death in the United States. Having almost reached the one hundredth mile stone in the journey of life, he has gone to rest in the peaceful quiet of eternity.

"The Cryptic Rite of Vermont also loses one of its honored members in the death of JED. H. BAXTER, a native of Vermont, and at the time of his death Surgeon-General of the army of the United States.

"Of the other dead, we can only say, they have fought the good fight, they have finished their course; and I recommend that suitable memorial pages be set apart in our proceedings to commemorate their labors and their fidelity."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. FREDERICK SHUBAEL FISHER, who was not present, but his report was presented by the Grand Recorder and ordered printed with the proceedings. It reviews eighteen Grand Councils, including California, and occupies thirty-two pages.

We can account readily for his absence, for his signature at the close shows that he had been knocked down and was lying nearly flat on his back. Who struck you, Comp. FISHER?

He opens with a fine salutatory, and in his review scissors freely making most admirable selections. He pays but a few passing remarks upon California; but we copy the following in what he says of our beloved sister jurisdiction of Oregon, which State is the mother of Masonry on the Pacific Coast, and whose first born is Comp. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR, 33°, Past Grand Master of both Grand Lodge and Grand Council, as well as Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Commander of the "Jewel State."

Speaking of Oregon, he says:—

"Fifth Grand Assembly, March 5, Anno Dep. 2890.

"We have never, to our knowlenge, received anything from this Grand Body—what we know of it we have learned from other correspondents. It is strange that we have not heard, as Frater FRELON J. BABCOCK is and has been the correspondent, and is now the Grand Recorder. Strange that he should forget his old State!

"In these days of non-affiliation, we are moved to tell this of our mutual Companion BABCOCK. He was a member of *Palestine* Commandery of Vermont. One day, looking over the books of the Body, the then Grand Commander found Sir Kt.·. BABCOCK paying dues, and on its list of members. Knowing him to be the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, the Rt.·. Eminent wrote to ask him about it. And his reply was that he had demitted some years before, but as the notices for dues still came, he cheerfully paid them. On examination it was found that the Recorder had omitted striking his name from the rolls, and the generous Frater had not only paid dues, but also one heavy assessment. This will offset a number of non-affiliates, and excuse any neglect shown us. But about the Grand Council? well, we propose to have the General Grand Recorder, who is the Reporter for Indiana, answer that question.

No nobler heart ever beat in the breast of any man than in that of Comp. FRELON JASPER BABCOCK. He was a Mason, a patriot and a gentleman in every nerve and fiber of his nature, and the best production of the Green

Mountain State that has yet been transplanted upon the Pacific Coast, and we speak from a residence here of forty-three years. The wound received in defense of his country's flag upon the battle field in the maintenance of the Union, at last helped to break the triangle which bound him to his native State Vermont and his adoptive State of Oregon. God bless his memory.

While the Columbia and Willamette shall continue to roll
A requiem they'll chant for the repose of his soul.

In his admirable conclusions in the main we heartily concur, though not in all. He says:—

"Incomplete indeed to any thoughtful man the degrees of the Chapter without those of the Council, but this incompleteness can never be made complete by union of the two bodies. Masonry is not a creation but a growth. In any modern society we may find a completeness which is stupidity, not so in Masonry.

"After one night taking part in the dedication of Solomon in all its beauty and glory, and another night witnessed work in rubbish and ruin of which not a word had been foretold him and seeking for that of which no deposit had been told him. The Chapter after the dedication in mystery in darkness, until the light of the deposit shines over the long years, between the feast of trumpets resounded at the completion of the first house, and when heard the tread of the despoiled who in vain sought the sacred word in the sealed vault. Then in this light we see the return from the long years of captivity, the discovery of that we have buried, and then rising the Second Temple,—vault and tabernacle were temporary but needed both until the temple was rebuilt.

And now comes up in the quiet of a peaceful state, the question again of asking the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to make our degrees prerequisite to the orders of the Temple. Our Past Grand Master, Comp. Ross, has eloquently advocated this request; and our Grand Council has endorsed the request; we have quoted elsewhere well-stated arguments for the prerequisite. And we should be glad to have the request granted although still believing that we can stand independent and live. For we have come through broken arches rebuilt, and the Sacred Vault is secure, and this passage and this rebuilding without the aid of valiant Crusaders.

We have no faith that this request will be granted. In the first place the Templars do not need us or our degrees; in the second place, and, with all loyalty to our Companions of the Veils, we believe that Chapter members would stifle such a request, if possible, should there be any danger of a discussion. *For, lastly, we feel assured that were this matter pressed on the Grand Encampment the result would be that the Templars would admit members directly from the Lodge. And why not? If there is further light needed above the Lodge it is not to be found in the Chapter degrees without the Council degrees.* Parts of the Capitular work is dark without the deposited light of Crypt. Why then should not the valiant Templars cast off the imperfect?

It would be wisdom, we think, for Chapter Masons to join in this request for the Council degrees to be made prerequisite, but they will not, for as we said before, they fear such a discussion and a separation—very close before this was that danger. But then such a fear need not prevent Chapter members taking an interest and encouraging membership in the Council. We have said that Templars do not need our degrees, they have pressed beyond the shadows and symbols to the presence of Him who was symbolized and is the Light in darkness, *but Capitular Masons do need*

the Cryptic degrees. And not unnatural nor without reason was the movement of what we call and bury as the merger, *but not right any theft to complete what we lack and want.*"

The italics are ours, and our opinions as briefly expressed in our review of Pennsylvania, find full and ample concurrence in those of Comp. FISHER. In the closing of the last sentence quoted, he rings the bell like a crack shot, "But not right any theft to complete what we lack and want." A young man in olden time asked of one: "What lack I yet?" and was answered: "If thou wilt be perfect," do certain things, stating what they were. So we say, "If thou wouldst be perfect" in the Secret Vault, take the fourteenth degree of the Lodge of Perfection in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite from which the Cryptic degrees of the Council were originally unlawfully taken, but which at this late day it is inexpedient for the Supreme Councils of that Rite to take steps to re-habilitate and reclaim, though possessing the original rituals and authority.

Comp. FISHER himself being a 33°, of the Northern Supreme Council, and a Past Commander of the Consistory of Vermont, is amply qualified and warranted in thus giving his conclusions. As we said before, the point of contact and plane of union between the members of both Rites is in the Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and their success not to be made to depend upon tolls collected in a tunnel under ground, which is no thoroughfare or passage to reach the Orders of the Temple above. Comp. FISHER, "we CONCUR."

Comp. ORRIN W. ORCUTT was re-elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

We have completed the labor assigned us which we entered upon with doubt and misgivings. In our review we have endeavored to do our full duty to the Cryptic Rite, and to throw upon it all the light that its legitimate origin and just claims entitle it to; and yet to a certain degree we have differed perhaps from the path followed heretofore by our predecessors. The Cryptic Rite is able to stand alone without props and makeshifts, and ought not to be made the drawbridge between two bodies or lose its identity as an independent rite within the bosom of another. It has long since been released by its sires and protectors to stand by itself, though no doubt it was the intention of its founders in the beginning to make use of it as common ground upon which both the American or so-called York Rite and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (in the latter of which it had its origin) should meet. We believe that such a method should still be adopted and that it would be promotive of the best interests of Freemasonry in all of the Bodies mentioned in connection therewith and make the Cryptic Rite stronger and more solid than ever before. Let it be independent and supreme in its own domain and there is no danger but it will stand firmly and better alone by itself and on its own foundations than by tying it to or making it the stepping-stone to another and

different institution altogether in character, with which it can have no affinity, but made to exact a compulsory toll for a passage that does not lead into the foreign domain of the Templar. But the opinion of the Reporter is not of itself deemed to lay down what should be the law or dictate the measures of legislation. He is but a reviewer, as his labor indicates; and if with the crow, and mattock and spade, he is able to let in a little light and open a way to the Secret Vault that the earnest Masonic seeker after truth may add something to his store, then is his labor not performed altogether in vain.

Thanks are due to Comp. THOMAS H. CASWELL, Grand Recorder, for many kind suggestions, who has heretofore been charged with the duty of reviewing the Correspondence. In the main our opinions agree, but in some particulars perhaps we may differ. Such as it is, however, it is most respectfully and fraternally submitted, trusting that the Cryptic Rite in general and in our own jurisdiction in particular, has not suffered at our hands.

EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,
For the Committee.

The Grand Recorder presented the credentials of Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, as Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, near this Grand Council; and,

On motion of Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, the Companion was received and accredited as such Representative.

The Grand Master announced the election of Grand Officers as the next business in order; and having appointed Companions EUGENE CORMENY and RICHARD VAUGHN to act as tellers, the election proceeded, with the the following result:—

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE was elected Grand Master;

The *R.·. I.·.* DAVID PUGH MARSHALL was elected Deputy Grand Master;

The *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Works;

The *R.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer;

The *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Council was then called off until one o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Monday, April 18, Anno Dep. 2892.

The Grand Council was called on at one o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

Com. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, from the special committee to whom had been referred the Address of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, would report as follows:—

They find the year's labor of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master to be good work, square work—such work as they are not only authorized to receive, but heartily commend. His penny has been fairly earned, and your committee bespeak for him the additional wages of corn, wine and oil in abundance, that his shadow may never grow less. His dispensation to *Sonora* Council is approved, and they find his decision regarding suspended Companions to be sound law and exact justice.

His visits to subordinate bodies have had the effect of strengthening the Councils and encouraging the Companions.

Your committee is pleased to learn of the re-organization of *Sonora* Council under such favorable circumstances, and join with the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master in recommending the remission of the unpaid dues.

They are further encouraged by the bright prospect of greeting the representatives of *Yreka* Council at our next session.

Your Committee strongly endorse the views of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, as to making the Cryptic degrees a prerequisite to the orders of Knighthood. If Templarism would retain its connection with Masonry let it be a part of a complete whole, and let it admit none who have not passed the circle of perfection in the Ancient Craft. They therefore unite with the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master in recommending that a committee be appointed to present the matter before the Grand Commandery.

The new Ritual is found to be carefully prepared and in accordance with the Ancient Landmarks, and recommend its adoption by this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. MERRITT,
FRANKLIN H. DAY,
EDW. R. HEDGES.

Which report was concurred in, and the recommendations adopted.

Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

The Committee on Jurisprudence would most respectfully report that no questions requiring our action have been laid before us, and peace and quiet reign throughout the jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN A. SHERMAN,
AUGUST WAKERBACK,
RICHARD VAUGHN.

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to report that no matters of appeal or grievance have been submitted to them for their consideration, therefore conclude that the Companions are all at labor and that peace and harmony reign within the secret vaults.

Whether this harmonious condition of the Rite in this Grand Jurisdiction is owing to the zealous and efficient labors of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master and officers of the Grand Council during the past year, or to the better *working* and *living* of the principles and teachings of our ritual, we will leave for the Companions of the Grand Council to decide.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. GILLETT,
THOS. KYLE,
M. MEHON.

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. GEORGE PENLINGTON, from the Committee on Finances and Returns, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Finance and Returns beg leave to report that they have made a careful examination of the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and find the same correct.

The vouchers have been examined and checked, the papers are in proper order, which makes the work of your committee very light. The amount of cash in the Grand Treasurer's hands is $332.55.

They commend the Grand Officers for the manner in which their accounts have been kept.

Your committee would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

Grand Recorder's salary	$225 00
Grand Sentinel's salary	10 00
Grand Organist's salary	10 00
Contingent expenses Grand Recorder's office	50 00
Printing proceedings	100 00
Expenses of Grand Master to visit Subordinate Councils	200 00
	$595 00

Your committee find the printing bills are increasing, and would suggest that hereafter the printing be referred to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder.

Respectfully,

GEORGE PENLINGTON,
WILLIAM H. DAVIS,
HENRY ASCROFT.

Which report was concurred in, and the appropriations were ordered, as recommended.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the special committee on the Grand Master's Address, the Grand Master appointed the following Companions as the special committee on the subject of making the Cryptic degrees prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, viz:—

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,
" EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,
" WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the special committee above named, presented the following report, which was concurred in:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

The undersigned, appointed a committee to investigate the matter suggested in the address of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, relative to making the Cryptic degrees a prerequisite for the Orders of Knighthood, respectfully report: That they coincide with the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master in his suggestion; and therefore recommend that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the like committee that may be appointed by the Grand Commandery for the same purpose.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
EDW. R. HEDGES,
WM. MONROE PETRIE.

Comp. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master be directed to distribute the Rituals of the Cryptic degrees as prepared by him, as follows: One copy

to each Past *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and one copy to each of our subordinate Councils for the use of the Thrice Illustrious Master of said Councils; and that such *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master transmit the same to his successor in office.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz:—

The *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE .....as....*Grand Chaplain;*
" " " CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT as....*Grand Capt. of the Guards;*
" " " WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS as....*Grand Conductor of Council;*
" " " CHARLES LORD FIELD....as....*Grand Lecturer;*
" " " HENRY ASCROFT.....as....*Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.* SAMUEL DAVID MEYER...as....*Grand Organist;*
" " JAMES OGLESBY.....as....*Grand Sentinel.*

The Grand Officers were then installed in their respective stations by Past Grand Master JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, assisted by Past Grand Master EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES as Master of the Ceremonies.

The Grand Master appointed the following Companions as a special Committee to confer with a like Committee of the Grand Commandery on the subject of making the Cryptic degrees prerequite to the Orders of Knighthood, viz:—

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,
" EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,
" JACOB HART NEFF.

Also, the following Committee:—

On Uniform Code of By-Laws { Comp. GEORGE PENLINGTON, " CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, " HENRY ASCROFT.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee:—

On Correspondence: { Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, " CHARLES E. STONE, " AUGUST WACKERBARTH.

The business of the Grand Council being all completed, the minutes of the session were read and approved, and the Grand Council of California was closed in Ample Form.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,
Grand Master.

Attest:
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

A. D. 1892, A. Dep. 2892.

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Richard Vaughn, *Ill. Master*,
Christopher Little, *D. Ill. Master*,
Clarence Newton Nelson, *P. C. of W.*,
William Buchanan Miller, *Treasurer*,
William Buckley Davis, *Recorder*,
Clive William Porter, *Capt. of Guard*,
William Hewson Davis, *Conductor*,
Abram John Vermilya, *Steward*,
George Frederick Bronner, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Powell Samuel Lawson, *P. G. M.*,
William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*,
Cornelius Kellogg,
Joseph Davey,
Edwin Glover,
John Hurley,
William Hewson Davis,
Harry Ingham,
William Alexander January.

SELECT MASTERS:

Abbott, Augustus
Alltucker, Henry
Andrews, John Nichols
Baldwin, William Hedges
Bartels, George Henry William
Bergevin, Nelson Langevin
Berkey, Thomas Henry
Birdsall, Frederick Wheeler
Bisbee, John Gould
Bittancourt, Thomas Maria
Block, Maurice
Boyd, John Walter
Brown, Byron Bradley
Brown, Jay Roshell
Bugby, Benjamin Norton
Burchard, James Philo
Burnett, Augustus
Burnham, James Henry
Burr, Richard Palmer
Bush, George Thomson

Butler, Stephen William
Calderwood, Job Francis
Carey, John Thomas
Carroll, Edgar Barclay
Carroll, Harry Winans
Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, Bernard Henry
Chapman, George Warren
Church, William Smithers
Clark, Jerome Franklin
Cluness, William Robert
Cohn, Edward Francis
Coker, Gould Carlton
Coleman, Edward
Coleman, Timothy
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin
Conaway, George Winfield
Cothrin, William Kip
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cunningham, John Austin
Curtis, Henry Chittendon
Dale, Richard
Davis, James Gilliland
Decker, Horace Washington
Delano, Ira Lemuel
Dennery, Alphonse
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Dierssen, George Ernest August
Dixon, William Henry
Dresbach, William
Dresher, Valentine
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Fay, Newton Murray
Ferguson, William Redmond
Flemming, Frank
Flye, Charles Eben
Forbes, Robert
Foster, James Stewart
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frahm, Claus
Frank, Samuel
Frates, Frank
Frazee, Robert Smith
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frost, Amos Locke
Fulweiler, John Mathias
Gable, Harvey Clinton
Gagnon, Alfred
Gallatin, Albert
Gardiner, Alexander John
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew, Jr.
Gillis, Dougald
Gottlieb, Samuel
Gray, Alexander Isaac
Gray, Arthur Irvine
Gregory, Eugene Julius
Gregory, Frank
Gruhler, John
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Moshiem Schmucker
Harris, David
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, James Darrow
Hatch, Wilbur Mark
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heintzeman, Taylor Washington
Herzog, Philip
Hevener, William Henry
Hollister, Dwight
Hollenbeck, Orrin Whitcomb
Hoover, Benjamin Van Zandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Howell, Sidney Algernon
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Huggins, Henri Tyler
Hull, Joseph
Hunt, John Alexander
Hyman, Daniel
Irvine, Richard Cutrer

Jackson, William Franklin
Jacobs, Louis
Jenkins, Charles Asberry
Johnston, William
Jones, William Rowland
Just, John Peter
Ketcham, Marvin Alonzo
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Krebs, Charles Henry
Lardner, William Branson
Levison, Jacob
Lewis, Samuel Amanzo
Lightner, Bonus
Lyon, Edward
Lubeck, David Wlademer
Lufkin, Harry Tileston
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McArthur, John
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McKee, Edwin Hervey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
Meister, August
Menke, Anton
Miller, Frederick
Mills, James Edgar
Nathan, Samuel
Neff, Jacob Hart
Nevis, Manuel Silva
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Ochsner, John
Oliver, Alexander Gibson
O'Neil, James
Pacheco, Romualdo
Parsons, Charles Robert
Peterson, William Frederick
Phillips, Louis
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Pockman, Thomas Cross
Putnam, George Alfred
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Richards, John
Roberts, Robert William
Robinson, Robert
Rohrer, Frederick William
Ross, Henry Ackson
Runyon, Solomon
Scroth, John George
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Thomas
Stanley, Leander
Steffens, Joseph
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stephens, John Dickson
Stevens, Charles Henry
Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Sweany, John
Taverner, George
Taverner, Thomas Moore
Todd, Thomas Milton
Tubbs, John Charles
Tufts, Albert Currier
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Variel, Robert Henry Fountleroy
Vaughn, Cornelius Lewis Neville
Webster, Joseph Richard
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Whitelaw, John
White, George Amos
Wilder, Joel Osgood
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Young, John Nelles—212

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Harper, Thomas—1

DIED:

Allen, Robert
Flye, Bernard Wilmot
Hammond, Edwin
Hillier, Theodore
Scott, Lemuel Pervine
Smith, Joshua Hughes
Talbot, John—7

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	210	Suspend for non-pay't dues.	1
Greeted	9	Died	7
Affiliated	1—220	Now borne upon the roll	212—220

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Ascroft, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Robert Ash, *D. Ill. Master*,
Joseph Gardner Baston, *P. C. of W.*,
Charles Lord Field, *Treasurer*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Recorder*,
George Leonard Murdock, *C. of G'd*,
Albert Cressy, *Conductor*,
Walter Edward Lucas, *Steward*,
Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
James Oglesby, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Thomas Kyle,
Franklin Henry Day,
Charles Lord Field,
David Pugh Marshall,
Isaac Stanwood Locke,
George Penlington,
Edward Potter Cressey.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Adolph
Allen, Richard Spicer
Ames, Frank Holmes
Anderson, James Wright
Andrews, Abraham
Anthony, Edward Taylor
Armer, Andrew Milton
Armstrong, George Robert
Armstrong, Rudolph
Atkinson, Thomas Thompson
Badger, William Gilman
Baker, Charles Henry
Baldwin, Alfred Walton
Baldwin, Sherman Charles
Bangs, Edward
Barclay, Henry Robert
Barclay, Peter Thomas
Barrows, Charles Dana
Bassett, Charles Follen
Baum, David Andrew
Bingham, William Alexander
Birch, William Henry
Black, Howard
Blake, Charles Edward
Blossom, Henry Eckford
Bone, Charles
Bonney, Charles Sumner
Boop, John Daniel
Bragg, Robert
Breon, Paul

Brinckerhoff, Herman
Broder, Robert Chidley
Bromley, George Tisdale
Browell, Jeremiah
Brown, Henry Adams
Brown, William Anderson
Brown, William Graham
Browne, John Mills
Browne, Thomas Henry
Bruce, James Henderson
Bruns, Henry Bernhard
Burt, James Gardner
Burtis, Robert Wallace
Calier, James *M*
Callinan, William
Campbell, Frederick
Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Carr, John George
Chapin, Dinsmore Davis
Charles, Abner Elias
Chesley, Charles Palmer
Christesen, Martin August C.
Christian, Ceasar
Clark, John Franklin
Clement, Joseph
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Coburn, Clarence Wooster
Code, Philip *D*
Cohen, Philip
Cole, Richard Beverly
Coleman, Carlton Chinn
Coleman, William Warren
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Charles Frederic
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Crouch, Robert
Crowley, Timothy Jay
Culver, James Henry
Cummings, Henry Adison
Curry, John
Curtis, John Morrison
Dall, Peter Peterson
Daniel, William Lyon
Davis, Jacob Zeigler
Davis, Winfield Scott
Dean, Peter
Decker, Charles William
Dennis, Samuel William
Dietterle, George
Doane, John Osborne
Doane, Micah
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dorn, Marcellus Americus
Doud, Aaron
Dougherty, Charles Medley
Douglas, George Willard
Dragomanovich, Spiro *S G*
Driffield, Vero Carus
Duncan, Benjamin Beatly
Dunn, James
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edelman, Charles
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edmondson, John George
Edwards, Henry
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Edwards, William Harvey
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Eklund, John Peter
Elliot, Charles Emery
Evans, Chester Hepburn
Evans, Joseph John
Everett, Daniel Henry
Ewen, Oliver
Falls, Richard James
Fargo, Earl Alexander
Fargo, Jerome Bonaparte
Farrell, Edward
Field, Alfred Bishop
Filkins, Charles Wesley
Firth, Joseph Kirk
Fisher, Henry
Fiske, Henry Mortimer
Flint, Brilsford Pease
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.

Folger, George Edwin
Foster, Arthur William
Fox, John *G*
Frenzel, Godman August
Frolich, Theodore
Gagnon, Michael
Gallagher, John Patrick
Gamble, Samuel
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Giles, Frederick *N*
Goldwater, Morris
Goodban, Francis Edward
Graham, William Findley
Graves, Charles Henry
Graves, Hiram Augustus
Graves, Hiram Throop
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Greenhood, William Oscar
Griffin, John Wesley
Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn
Gritman, Charles Ray
Grossetta, Martin
Gullixson, Henry Ferdinand
Haas, David Leopold
Halstead, James LaFayette
Hammond, Andrew Benoni
Hammond, John
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hansen, Carl Christian A.
Hatch, Augustus Timothy
Hatch, James Henry
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hellwig, Christian
Highton, Henry Edward
Hildebrandt, Carsten
Hoffman, Henry Nathaniel
Holden, Samuel Emery
Hopkins, Peter
Hopkins, Timothy
Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howard, Charles Shelby
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Huested, Orson Justus
Hurlbut, Reuben Preston
Iredale, Charles Winslow
Jeffers, Milo Sydney
Jeffray, William
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin
Jenks, George Washington
Jennings, Charles Brooks
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, George
Johnson, Mathias
Jones, William Arthur
Jones, William Roderick
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Jost, Joseph
Jost, William Reinhard
Kenyon, Curtis George
Kern, Morris James
Kerr, David
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Charles James
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Knight, Edmund Ewell
Koenig, Frank
Kohler, Henry
Kohn, Isaack
Kramer, Louis George
Kreig, Anton
Lane, William Edmund
Lawson, Andrew
Lazelle, Henry Daniel
Levy, Isidore Nathan
Levy, Jacob
Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Lind, Charles
Litchfield, Joseph Miller
Little, George Edward
Lloyd, Reuben Hedley

Loane, Francis Marion
Logan, Milburne Hill
Logan, Thomas Emerson
Lo Presti, Anthony
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lucas, John William
Lux, Frank Antoin
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lyon, William Henry
Mack, John George
Magnin, Simson
Manheim, Henry Simon
Martinez, Francis Nich. Raoul
McCarty, James
McClure, Stewart
McCreary, Daniel
McCullough, Henry Van Schaick
McFarland, Abel
McGann, Patrick Henry
McGeorge, William Connolly
McKay, Thomas
McLea, Arthur
McMillan, Robert
McNab, James
Mecklenberg, Joseph
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Meigs, John *J*
Mentz, John Henry
Meston, Robert
Meyer, Julius
Mills, Edward Tyrrel Bisset
Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Moore, Arthur Weld
Moraghan, Michael Bolan
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, Charles Augustus
Morgan, David
Morrow, William *W*
Morshead, John White
Mouser, Silas Mercer
Muller, John
Nash, Charles
Neal, George Folger
Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Nixon, James Henry
Noonen, John
Norcross, Daniel
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Osborn, Lamartine
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Parmelee, James Edward
Patton, Charles Lewis
Peck, Philip
Peckham, William Henry
Perley, Albion Starbird
Phillips, William Rippard
Plummer, Cyrus Moody
Polastri, Richard Steven
Popham, James William
Prag, Martin
Price, Arthur Faraday
Price, Thomas
Prince, Henry Gilman
Ramage, Walter James
Redmond, Michael Francis
Ridgway, Frazier
Riley, John Francis
Robertson, William Alexander
Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Roskruge, George James
Ross, Donald
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Salsbury, Charles
Sanborn, Albion Irving
Schmidt, Valentine
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Ebenezer
Seibel, Philipp
Sexton, Warren
Seymour, Simon Harry
Shattuck, Charles Curtis
Sheldon, George Edwin
Sibley, Levi Butler
Simpson, James

Slack, Charles William
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.
Smith, James Jerome
Smith, William Frederick
Smith, William Jacob
Soule, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, George
Spaulding, James Garfield
Spear, Gustavus Langford
Spear, Lewis Eugene
Speier, Bernard
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stark, William Alexander
Stern, Louis
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Swannack, Daniel
Swift, Samuel
Tait, William Cave
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thompson, George Howard
Thornton, Samuel Kennedy
Trainor, Louis Howard
Triest, Bernard
Troppman, Charles Martin
Tuohy, John
Turner, James Frederick
Vanderhurst, William
Veen, Frank Joseph
Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, James Greig
Warburton, Samuel
Ward, William
Warwick, James Blain
Waterhouse, Frederick Adelbert
Weller, Henry Olp
Wells, Asa Reynolds
Wever, Lewis *J*
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
White, Jonathan Lloyd
White, Thomas Benton
Whittier, James Eugene
Wiley, George Adrian
Williams, Daniel *A*
Wilson, John McFarland
Winter, Washington General
Woodbury, Warren Dean
Woodlock, John
Young, Shirley Trever
Young, William
Younger, William John—368

EXCLUDED:

Kenney, Augustus Reid—1

DIED:

Clawson, Henry Augustus
Frank, George Washington
Frank, Samuel Houston
Goud, George Lamb
Graham, Thomas Gardner
Grant, Alexander
Hager, George
Hobe, Adolphus Augustus
Jennings, James Hazelton
Johnson, John Munroe
Partridge, Charles
Steiger, Charles Rudolph
Taber, Jacob Spooner—13

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report....	364	Excluded	1
Greeted	18—382	Died	13
		Now borne upon the roll...	368—382

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles *E* Stone, *Th. Ill. Master*, Francis Wm. Howard Aaron, *Rec'rdr*,
Samuel Josiah Smith Rogers, *D.I.M.*, Frank *B* Miller, *Captain of Guards*,
William Flint Peacock, *P. C. of W.*, John George McLellan, *Conductor*,
Alexander Cameron Irwin, *Treasurer*, Thomas Hugh Kernan, *Steward*.
Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Caldwell Belcher,
Henry Holcombe Rhees,
Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Andrew Jackson Binney,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Lemuel Trescott Crane.

SELECT MASTERS:

Asher, Alexander Branch
Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Baxter, John
Belknap, F. G.
Blackburn, George *W*
Brown, Josiah Perkins
Burchard, John Luther
Carpenter, George Washington
Clements, William Andrew
Cohn, Isaac Geballe
Crew, Alexander Hill
Deaner, Samuel Christian
Dobbins, Thomas
Duncan, John Lewis
Eastman, James Fred
Ellis, William Turner
Elwell, William
Ewell, Samuel
Fagan, Edward
Falk, Herman
Faulkner, Charles
Fimbreth, Arthur Francis
Fisher, Charles Lester
Goad, William Frank
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hapgood, Charles
Hauss, Ferdinand
Haynes, James
Hochstadter, Simon
Hunter, William
Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Knight, David Edgar
Krause, Frederick Low
Leining, John Henry
Lewek, Solomon
Logan, Anderson Dabney
Lowery, William Andrew
Marcuse, Marcus
McFarlane, James Clark
Menz, Albert Julius
Molineux, Henry
Morgan, Emanuel Briggs
Patterson, George
Peacock, James Richard
Peck, William Francis
Peters, Joseph
Phillips, Joseph
Reece, Thomas White
Rideout, Norman Dunning
Roberts, John Henry
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Saye, George Marion
Schuler, Conrad
Seely, John Ambrose
Slingsby, William
Spencer, Stephen

Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Vanderwarker, Abner K
White, Amasa Willey
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Woodworth, Homer Allen—79

DIED:

Barnes, Avery Power
Lawrence, William Lee
Wilkins, Edmund Taylor—3

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....73
Greeted..... 9—82
Died..... 3
Now borne upon the roll .....79—82

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Frank Wilson Street, *Th. Ill. Master*, William Gustav Rudorff, *Recorder*,
Henry Clay Calhoun, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*, James Edgar Requa, *Capt. of Guards*,
Edward Keil, *Prin. Con. of Works.*, Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
Charles Edward Lang, *Treasurer*, Joseph Moore Hampton, *Steward*,
Abraham Barlow, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Stephen Wing,
Charles Edward Lang,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,
James Bell.

SELECT MASTERS:

Bacon, Martin
Carter, John Beach
Harris, Charles Parsons
Johnson, Andrew Potter
Klein, Peter
Long, William Giles
Means, Andrew Jackson
Mitchell, Frederick Francis
Parsons, Edmond
Rooney, John Francis—22

RESTORED.

Barlow, Abraham—1

WITHDRAWN:

Leon, Samuel—1

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bradford, William—1

DIED:

Bush, George Carroll
Phelps, Thomas Lawrence
Preston, Alvin Bacon
Wing, Gideon—4

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per report 1890	26	Withdrawn	1
Affiliated	1	Suspended for non-pay'nt dues	1
Restored	1—28	Died	4
		Now borne upon the roll	22—28

SHASTA COUNCIL. No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Albert Frederick Ross, *Th. Ill. Mas.*, Daniel Potter Bystle, *Recorder*,
Morris Mehon, *Deputy Ill. Master*, John Sale Strode, *C. of the Guard*,
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*, Gunther F. C. Schroter, *Conductor*,
John Varner Scott, *Treasurer*, MarshallAlexander Mitchell, *Steward*,
Thomas Greene, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle, Adolph Dobrowsky.

SELECT MASTERS:

Andrew, William
Andrews, Alexander Robertson
Black, Peter Peterson
Blossom, Robert Hurd
Bratten, John Michael
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus
Cahoon, William Brower
Chase, Guy Horatio
Clements, John
Duhig, Louis James
Esseck, Belty
Given, William Cushing
Griggs, Sidney Allen
Hall, Joseph *N*
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Lowden, William Spencer
Martin, Rufus Franklin
McCoy, Leo Lewis
Miller, Thomas Love
Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Nethercott, Robert
Nichols, James Levin
Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Paulsen, Jacob
Reynolds, John Edward
Ross, Herman Frederick
Rowles, James
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Shearin, Daniel Thomas
Smith, Champion *W*
Souter, John
Sweeny, Edward
Syme, John
Taylor, Clay Webster
Tyler, Jonathan Cooper
Weil, David
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses—49

DIED:

Hopping, William Ely—1

Peters, Joseph Daphine
Prugh, Winfield Webster
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Andrew Joseph
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Rucker, Hiram Newton
Russell, Richard William
Shaw, Henry Coffin
Shurtleff, George Augustus
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Swain, Cornelius
Wallace, Hamilton
Waterman, Solomon
Woods, John Newton—74

WITHDRAWN:

Sherman, Edwin Brown—1

DIED:

Batchelder, Benjamin Pierce
Cavis, Joseph Mills
Kirkland, William
Scott, Edward—4

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....76	Withdrawn..... 1
Greeted..... 3—79	Died..... 4
	Now borne upon the roll.....74—79

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

August Wackerbarth, *Th. Ill. Master*, Robert Drought, *Recorder*,
William Orange Burr, *D. I. Master*, George Henry Habel, *C. of Guards*,
William Thomas Jeffries, *P. C. W.*, Joseph Fiscus, *Conductor*,
Charles Wilson Bush, *Treasurer*, John Francis Christopher, *Steward*,
James Franklin Branch, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme,
Norton Filmore Story,
August Wackerbarth,
Julius Brousseau.

SELECT MASTERS:

Allen, Gabriel
Alexander, Henry Nash
Bicknell, John Dustin
Biscailuz, Martin Vincent
Bright, Joseph Shannon
Brodtbeck, Otto
Brooks, Daniel William
Brown, John Alexander
Bullis, Omri
Burbank, David
Campbell, John Mis
Clemens, Andrew
Craigue, Solon William
Crawford, James Seth

Cummings, William George
Denker, Andrew Henry
Dornfield, Ferdinand Emil
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry
Fisher, Charles Locke
Freeman, Edwin Herbert
Haskell, John Condit
Henderson, William Hutchinson
Hewitt, Eldridge Edward
Hinds, George
Iaeger, Louis John Frederick
Illich, Gerolomo
Jacobs, Lewis
Jewett, Stanley Punchardon
Knickerbocker, Niles
Lambie, William Thomas
Lazzarevich, Giovanni
Levy, Michael
McIlmoil, John
McKanna, Patrick Augustine
McManis, John Rodman
Meyer, Samuel
Miles, David Edwin
Morgan, William Adams
Munro, David
Polaski, Lewis
Reiser, Theodore
Reynolds, John Jefferson
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Santee, Milton
Skinner, John Maxwell
Smith, Henry Augustus
Spence, Edward Fallis
Strohm, Thomas
Sutherland, David Munroe
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Vignolo, Ambrogio
Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Whitson, Levi Henry
Wiggins, Wilson Robert
Williams, Romayne
Wilson, Thomas Jonathan—72

WITHDRAWN:

Murray, John Emmett—1

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Bell, James Edgar Stevenson
Bernstein, Jacob Alfred
Dearing, Octavus *A*
Hamilton, Albert Newell
Heartt, Charles Lawrence
Hunt, James Shelley
Jordan, Franklin
Leake, Edward
Mullard, Richard Thomas
Philips, William Spiller
Smith, Ira Bacon
Valiant, George Francis
Woodbury, Francis Chute—13

DIED:

Parcels, Horatio Sutton—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	84	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	3—87	Suspended for non-pay't dues.	13
		Died	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	72—87

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Clay Smith, *Th. Ill. Master*, John Wm. McClymonds, *Recorder*,
James Bestor Merritt, *D. Ill. Master*, Robert Edgar, *Captain of Guards*,
Edward Harrison Morgan, *P. C. W.*, Eugene Cormeny, *Conductor*,
William Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*, Ebenezer Winchester, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett,
James Bestor Merritt,
William Frank Pierce,
Edward Harrison Morgan,
George Joshua Woodruff,
Webb Nicholson Pearce.
Edwin Allen Sherman,
Eugene Cormeny.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ames, George Spencer
Beeby, Robert John
Bice, John
Bishop, Amasa Wright
Blood, William Frank
Bradley, John Tilford
Breed, Arthur Hastings
Brown, Lewis Henry
Burnham, Charles Franklin
Burrell, Alfred William
Cary, Amzi *B*
Clark, Alvah Kittridge
Claussen, Henry
Clift, Frederick Charles
Craig, William Henry
Dalton, Henry Philip
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Dorwin, George Wadsworth
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Du Bois, Sumner Victor
Ely, Ralph Asahel
Evers, John Henry
French, Robert Elsworth
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor
Goodman, George
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hahn, Henry Casper
Hale, William Elmer
Hamilton, William Thomas
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Henley, James Brainard
Hersey, Edgar Amos
Hewes, Charles Leslie
Hewes, Charles Wesley
Kendall, Alpheus
Koser, Newton Alexander
Lamoureaux, Philias Henry
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Mauzy, Byron
Meade, Calvert
Meek, Horry Wert
Meek, William Elsworth
Metcalf, George Dickson
Michaels, Henry
Morris, Moses
Nordhausen, Ernest Albert
Parsons, Thomas *J*
Patterson, Edward Mortimer
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Perkins, Alfred Thomas
Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil
Plunkett, James California

Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Samson, Martin Meyer
Sears, Herman *B*
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Spreckels, Richard
Stimpson, George Washington
Stone, Andrew *L*
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Twombly, Charles Henry
Wall, Joseph George
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Whitney, George Edwin
Williams, John
Woodin, Eugene
Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablonsky, John—88

DIED:

Wheeler, Osgood Church—1

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....82	Died 1
Greeted..... 6	Now borne upon the roll .....88—89
Affiliated ..... 1—89	

LIST OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1892.

	Names of Councils.	No. Council.	Place of Location.		Date when Charter was ordered.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspend'd for non. pay. Dues	Suspend'd for Unmas. Cond.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
			Town.	County.												
1	Sacramento...	1	Sacramento,..	Sacramento,..	June 27, 1860.	9	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	7	212	$115 00
2	California....	2	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	" " "	18	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	13	368	202 00
3	Marysville...	3	Marysville,....	Yuba.....	" " "	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	79	48 50
*	Sierra Nevada	4	Placerville,....	El Dorado,...	" " "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Sonora.....	5	Sonora,.....	Tuolumne,....	May 8, 1861.	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	22	11 00
5	Shasta	6	Shasta,.....	Shasta,.....	May 7, 1862.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	49	24 50
*	Virginia	7	Virginia City,	Nevada State,.	Oct. 18, 1865.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*	Yreka.....	8	Yreka,.....	Siskiyou, ...	Oct. 22, 1868.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Helena.....	9	Helena, ...	Montana State	" " "	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	59	36 50
7	Stockton.....	10	Stockton, ...	San Joaquin,.	April 7, 1870.	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	74	40 00
8	Los Angeles..	11	Los Angeles,..	Los Angeles,..	April 13, 1871.	3	.....	.....	1	.....	13	.....	.....	1	72	39 00
9	Oakland	12	Oakland,.....	Alameda,.....	April 12, 1883.	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	88	50 00
	Totals...					55	3	1	3	1	15			34	1023	$566 50

*Charter surrendered.

GRAND COUNCILS

IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

With Addresses of Grand Recorders.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
ALABAMA,	EDMUND R. HASTINGS,	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS,	JAMES A. HENRY,	Little Rock.
CANADA,	SIDNEY J. SANFORD,	Barrie.
CONNECTICUT,	JOSEPH K. WHEELER,	Hartford.
ENGLAND AND WALES,	C. F. MATIER,	8A Red Lion Square, London, W. C.
FLORIDA,	JOHN CARLOVITZ,	Milton.
GEORGIA,	ANDREW M. WOLIHIN,	Albany.
ILLINOIS,	GIL. W. BARNARD,	Chicago.
INDIANA,	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE,	Indianapolis.
KANSAS,	JOHN H. BROWN,	Wyandotte.
KENTUCKY,	L. D. CRONINGER,	Covington.
LOUISIANA,	RICHARD LAMBERT,	New Orleans.
MAINE,	STEPHEN BERRY,	Portland.
MARYLAND,	GEORGE L. MCCAHAN,	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,	SERANUS BOWEN,	Boston.
MICHIGAN,	GARRA B. NOBLE,	Detroit.
MINNESOTA,	THOMAS MONTGOMERY,	St. Paul.
MISSISSIPPI,	J. L. POWER,	Jackson.
MISSOURI,	WILLIAM H. MAYO,	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA,	WM. R. BOWEN,	Omaha.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	GEORGE P. CLEAVES,	Concord.
NEW JERSEY,	CHARLES BECHTEL,	Trenton.
NEW YORK,	GEORGE VAN VLIET,	Cor. West & Bethune Sts., New York City.
NORTH CAROLINA,	DONALD W. BAIN,	Raleigh.
OHIO,	JOHN D. CALDWELL,	Cincinnati.
OREGON,	SETH L. POPE,	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA,	CHARLES E. MEYER,	Philadelphia.
RHODE ISLAND,	WILLIAM R. GREENE,	Providence.
SCOTLAND,	ROBERT S. BROWN,	5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.
SOUTH CAROLINA,	ZIMMERMAN DAVIS,	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,	WM. A. CLENDENING,	Nashville.
VERMONT,	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,	Burlington.
WISCONSIN,	JOHN W. LAFLIN,	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. COUNCIL U. S.,	HENRY W. MORDHURST,	Fort Wayne, Ind.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Connecticut	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
Illinois	Stephen Wing	San Francisco.
Indiana	David Pugh Marshall	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	* ————	———— .
Nebraska	William Caldwell Belcher	Marysville.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Ohio	Edwin Allen Sherman	Oakland.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	* ————	————
Rhode Island	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.

* Deceased.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	MARCUS L. BELL	Pine Bluff.
Canada	J. ROSS ROBERTSON	Toronto.
Connecticut	ALEXANDER B. SHUMWAY	Litchfield.
Illinois	JOHN A. LADD	Sterling.
Indiana	ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK	Pendleton.
Kentucky	*————	————
Louisiana	SAMUEL MANNING TODD	New Orleans.
Maine	JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND	Portland.
Maryland	ALBERT BENEDICT LYMAN	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	EUGENE H. RICHARDS	Boston.
Michigan	WILLIAM P. INNES	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	W. A. SPAULDING	Minneapolis.
Nebraska	EDWIN A. ALLEN	North Loup.
New Hampshire	JOHN F. MAYNARD	Ashland.
New Jersey	JOHN M. KNAPP	Ridgewood.
New York	*———— ————	————
Ohio	ARTHUR P. CRANE	Toledo.
Oregon	SETH L. POPE	Portland.
Pennsylvania	GEORGE LAING	Pittsburgh.
Rhode Island	ROBERT S. FRANKLIN	Newport.
South Carolina	JOHN R. ALLEN	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	JOHN B. GARRETT	Nashville.
Vermont	GEORGE W. WING	Montpelier.

* Deceased.

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council June 26, A. Dep. 2861.

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN ASHBY TUTT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ...*Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1868.

*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Master;*
STEPHEN WING,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*LEONARD GOSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

*Deceased.

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1891.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1892.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master:*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

***Deceased.**

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER:

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,

OAKLAND.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,

SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.

The Thirty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the seventeenth day of April, A. D., 1893, Anno Dep. 2893, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THOS. H. CASWELL.

Grand Recorder.

R. & S. M.

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.·.I.·.Grand Council

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

State of California

FOR THE YEAR 1893.

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.·. I.·. GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT ITS

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

HELD AT THE

MASONIC TEMPLE, IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

ON

MONDAY, APRIL 17, A. D. 1893, A. DEP. 2833.

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GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE

Year Commencing April, A. D. 1893, A. Dep. 2893.

M.·. I.·. DAVID P. MARSHALL, .GRAND MASTER, ...*San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. GEO. PENLINGTON, ...DEPUTY GRAND MASTER .*San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. CHAS. E. GILLETT, .. { GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS, } *Oakland;*

R.·. I.·. FRANKLIN H. DAY, ...GRAND TREASURER, ...*San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. THOS. H. CASWELL, ...GRAND RECORDER, ...*San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. THOS. KYLE, ...GRAND CHAPLAIN, ...*San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. WM. HEWSON DAVIS, { GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS. } *Sacramento;*

R.·. I.·. HENRY ASCROFT, ... { GRAND CONDUCTOR OF COUNCIL. } *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. CHARLES L. FIELD, ...GRAND LECTURER, ...*San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. ROBERT ASH, ...GRAND STEWARD, ...*San Francisco;*

Ill.·. SAMUEL D. MAYER, ...GRAND ORGANIST, ...*San Francisco;*

Ill.·. JAMES OGLESBY, ...GRAND SENTINEL, ...*San Francisco.*

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California commenced its thirty-third Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Monday, the seventeenth day of April, A. D. 1893, A. Dep. 2893, at ten o'clock A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, . . . *Grand Master;*
" *R.·. I.·.* DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, . . . *Deputy Grand Master;*
" *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*
" *R.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Treasurer;*
" *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, *Grand Recorder;*
" *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE, ... *Grand Chaplain;*
" *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, . *Grand Captain of the Guards;*
" *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, ... *Grand Conductor of Council;*
" *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Lecturer;*
" *R.·. I.·.* HENRY ASCROFT, ... *Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, ... *Grand Organist;*
" *Ill.·.* JAMES OGLESBY, ... *Grand Sentinel;*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Past Grand Master;*
" *M.·. I.·.* STEPHEN WING, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... " " "

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS:

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....Arkansas;
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....Connecticut and Rhode Island;
STEPHEN WING,.....Illinois;
DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....Indiana;
THOMAS KYLE,.....Kentucky;
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....Louisiana;
CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....Maine and New York;
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....Massachusetts;
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....Michigan;
EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,.....Ohio,
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT.....South Carolina;
HENRY SAYRE ORME.....Tennessee;
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....Vermont.

And the Representatives of seven chartered Councils, with sevearl Past Thrice Illustrious Masters by service under this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being a sufficient representation present, the Grand Council of California was opened in Ample Form, with music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee:—

On Credentials:..... { Comp. Morris Mehon, " William Flint Peacock. " August Wackerbarth.

After a short recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of Chartered Councils, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, as being present and entitled to seats, viz.:—

Sacramento,..No. 1,.. { RICHARD VAUGHN, P.Th.Ill.M. & p'y f'r Th.Ill. M.; POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, EDWIN GLOVER, WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, } P.Th. Ill. Mas'rs.

California,....No. 2,.. { HENRY ASCROFT, Th. Ill. M. and P. Th. Ill M.; ROBERT ASH, Deputy Ill. Master. THOMAS KYLE, FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, CHARLES LORD FIELD, DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, GEORGE PENLINGTON, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Marysville, . . . No. 3, . .	CHARLES *E* STONE,	Th. Ill. M. and P. Th. Ill. M.;
	WILLIAM FLINT PEACOCK,	Dep. Ill. Master.
Sonora, ... No. 5, ...	EDWARD KEIL,	Prin. Con. of the Works.
Shasta, ... No, 6, ...	MORRIS MEHON,	Dep. Ill. Master.
Stockton, . . . No. 10, ...	WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,	P. Th. Ill. Master.
Los Angeles, . . No. 11, ...	AUGUST WACKERBARTH,	Th. Ill. Master & P. Th. Ill. Master.
Oakland, . . No. 12, ...	JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,	Dep. Ill. Master & P. Th. Ill. Master.
	CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,	P. Th. Ill. Masters.
	WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,	
	EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,	
	EUGENE CORMENY,	

Which report was concurred in, and the Companions named therein were admitted to seats.

The reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following regular committees:—

On Jurisprudence:

Comp. William Abraham Davies,
" Edwin Glover,
" Henry Ascroft.

On Appeals and Grievances:

Comp. Charles *E* Stone,
" Edward Keil,
" Richard Vaughn.

On Finances and Returns:

Comp. Charles Edwin Gillett,
" George Penlington,
" James Bestor Merritt.

The Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:—

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:—

Thirty years of this Grand Council's cryptic life had passed away into the Grand Secret Vault of Eternity, when by your expressed desire I first assumed the duties as Grand Master of this jurisdiction, and now after three years' service in the Grand Oriental Chair, I greet you on this, the thirty-third Annual Assembly, with fraternal congratulations, and above all, with profound gratitude and thanks to Him whom we adore as the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe and revere as our kind Heavenly Father, who has safely led us along the corridor of time through the Arches of another year.

My fellows have hailed us in Winter's cold embrace, as cycles have swept with frosts and tempests, leaving nothing green and verdant in their pathway, but mind thereof the fields of our Golden State are green with growing grain, our orchards and gardens are in bloom, and Spring with their sweetest fragrance upon the air, while peace, plenty, prosperity and progress form the picture of our present happy condition; and we may well congratulate ourselves that Cryptic Masonry has kept pace with the general prosperity of our jurisdiction; no questions have been submitted for decision, no contention existing, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.

During the year I have visited nearly all the subordinate Councils from *Helena, No. 9,* at Helena, Mont., to *Los Angeles,* No. 11, at Los Angeles, Cal.; my engagements out of the jurisdiction claimed so much of my time that it was impossible to visit others at times when they had work, but from these I have received good reports; and for the same reason new Councils have not been organized as suggested in my address of last year, but my successor in office will find the harvest ready.

The Council at Yreka has not been re-organized, but at this Assembly a petition, signed by the required number of Companions, will be presented; and in reply to a recent letter we are informed that nearly twenty R. A. Companions are ready to petition for "more light;" the success of this Council is assured. The ritual adopted at our last Assembly was distributed according to the resolution passed, and is in use throughout the jurisdiction; our work is now uniform, and after seeing the work done in several of our Eastern jurisdictions, it is with pride that I can report, we are second to none.

At our last Annual Assembly a resolution was adopted to prepare a memorial, and a committee appointed to present the same to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of this State requesting it to make the Cryptic degrees prerequisite to the Order of Knighthood; for reasons, the committee deemed it best not to present the memorial until this session of the Grand Commandery, and while different views are held in different jurisdictions as to the best mode of advancing Cryptic Masonry, I again, with due deference to all and for reasons known to you renew the recommendation.

And now at the close of the present Assembly, as I review the pleasant official relationship enjoyed with each and every officer and member of this Grand Council for the three years that are past, and the warm fraternal greetings with which I have been received by the subordinate Councils throughout the jurisdiction, I shall treasure with lasting memory; each arch as we approached it continually revealed the Covenant of God with brilliant prismatic hues shining before us, upon the dark background of the Secret Vault of the Future, radiant with hope; and the apparently impenetrable veil of uncertainty and doubt will vanish as we with a well-founded trust in God, with confidence and manly courage and determination, gird on our swords and take up our trowels, go forward to perform

our labors and pursue our destiny marked out for us on the Trestle Board of the Grand Architect of the Universe, our Sovereign Lord and Master of us all.

Again returning to each and all of you my earnest, sincere thanks for your generous confidence and support and your cordial manifestations of fraternal regard, and commending you to the care and keeping of "Our Father which is in Heaven," I return to you this emblem of authority.

W. FRANK PIERCE,
Grand Master.

The Address was referred to a special committee of three. The Deputy Grand Master appointed as such committee:—

On Address of Grand Master..... { Comp. William Abraham Davies, " Thomas Kyle, " Jacob Hart Neff.

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

As per requirement of the Constitution of this Grand Council, the undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Assembly, together with a statement of the receipts and total of expenditures and other matters as showing the progress of Cryptic Masonry in the jurisdiction for the year last past.

As soon as was possible after the close of the last Annual Assembly the transactions thereat were printed and distributed, as follows:—

One copy to each of the Grand Officers of the Grand Council, and such Past Grand Officers as were entitled to receive the same; one copy to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils; three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of the subordinate Councils of our obedience.

No dispensations for any purpose have been issued, nor Representatives commissioned, during the year. And the resuscitation of *Yreka* Council, No. 8, so confidently expected and ardently hoped for one year ago, is still in the future.

From a summary of the annual reports are made the following extracts:—

Number greeted during the year	70	
Number affiliated	2	
Number restored	6	
Total increase		— 78
Number withdrawn	8	
Number excluded	5	
Number suspended for non-payment of dues	10	
Number died	17	
Total decrease		— 40
Net increase for the year		38

Number of affiliated Royal and Select Masters on January thirty-first, A. D. 1893, 1,061.

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder's office since the last Annual Assembly:—

RECEIPTS.

Sacramento Council,	No. 1,	dues to February 1, 1893.	$112 50
California,	No. 2,	" " " "	214 00
Marysville,	No. 3,	" " " "	56 00
Sonora,	No. 5,	" " " "	13 00
Shasta,	No. 6,	" " " "	29 00
Helena,	No. 9,	" " " "	34 00
Stockton,	No. 10,	" " " "	45 50
Los Angeles,	No. 11,	" " " "	36 50
Oakland,	No. 12,	" " " "	60 00
		Total receipts for the year.....	$600 50

Paid Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented.....$600 50
Sixteen warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer, amounting in the aggregate to.....$607 10

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements since the last Annual Assembly:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. and S. M. of California:—

1892.		
April 18.	To balance cash an hand.....	$332 55
1893.		
Feb. 28.	To received from Grand Recorder.....	564 00
March 2.	" " " " "	36 50
	Carried forward.....	$933 05

1892.			*Brought forward*.....			$933 05
Apl. 28.	By paid	J. B. McIntyre,	Voucher No.	1....	$ 7 50	
" 28.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	" "	2....	18 75	
May 16.	" "	Jas. Oglesby,	" "	3....	10 00	
June 1.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	" "	4....	18 75	
" 8.	" "	Samuel D. Mayer,	" "	5....	10 00	
" 28.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	" "	6....	18 75	
July 13.	" "	"	" "	7....	4 50	
" 27.	" "	Geo. Spaulding & Co.,	" "	8....	150 10	
" 28.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	" "	9....	18 75	
Aug. 29.	" "	"	" "	10....	18 75	
	" "	W. Frank Pierce,	" "	11....	200 00	
Sept. 29.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	" "	12....	18 75	
Oct. 11.	" "	"	" "	13....	18 75	
1893.						
Feb. 28.	" "	"	" "	14....	56 25	
" 28.	" "	"	" "	15....	18 75	
Apl. 1.	" "	"	" "	16....	18 75	
					———	607 10
1893.						———
April 17.	Balance cash on hand.....					$325 95

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY,

Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

The Representatives of the several sister Grand Councils present made verbal reports and tendered fraternal greetings—all showing the Cryptic Rite to be prosperous and the bond of fraternal union strong in the jurisdictions represented by them.

Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed with the proceedings:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of R.·. and S.·. M.·. of California:

I herewith respectfully present the following Report on Fraternal Correspondence for the present year of 1893.

The proceedings of the following Grand Councils have been received

and reviewed being a gain of one over those of last year and twenty-five in all viz.:—

General Grand Council...1891	Michigan.....1992
Alabama.....1892	Minnesota.....1892
Connecticut.....1892	Mississippi.....1892
England and Wales.....1892	New Hampshire.....1891
Georgia.....1892	New Jersey.....1892-93
Illinois.....1892	Ohio.....1892
Indiana.....1892	Oregon.....1892-93
Kansas.....1892	Pennsylvania.....1892
Kentucky.....1892	Rhode Island.....1890-91-92
Louisiana.....1892	South Carolina.....1890-91-92
Maine.....1892	Tennessee.....1893
Massachusetts.....1892	Vermont.....1892
Maryland.....1891.	

The Proceedings of the Grand Councils of Arkansas, 1892, Canada, 1892, and Nebraska, 1892, have not come to hand.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

The General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, met at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Tuesday, July 21st, 1891, at 10 o'clock A. M., it being the Fourth Triennial Assembly.

M.·. P.·. George W. Cooley, of Minnesota, General Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. Henry W. Mordhurst, General Grand Recorder, of Indiana, keeping the minutes of the work.

Representatives of sixteen State Grand Councils and of three subordinate Councils chartered by the General Grand Council were present. Four Grand Councils and one subordinate under its jurisdiction were not represented, including California. Comp. Henry S. Orme, of California, sending a telegram expressing regrets for his absence on account of sickness.

Of the forty-three Representative votes present, *thirty* were proxies, of which *nine* proxies were held by three Companions, one of whom was not a member of the jurisdiction he represented! *Query.* How would it do for a subordinate Council to be opened by three Companions holding the proxies of six others?

The General Grand Master at the beginning of his very able Address, very *Cooley* welcomed the Companions "to the home of the north wind," which was delightful to them at that time of the year. Upon the state of the Rite, he says:—

"While we have received no accession to the number of our constituent Grand Councils during my term of office, I cannot but believe that before many years have passed, several Grand Councils now occupying an independent position will unite with us. This result we can only hope to gain through a truly fraternal policy, treating them all as members of a

united Masonic family, acting always in a spirit of toleration and working harmoniously with them to unite and cement the brotherhood. * * * Nor may we hope to add these now independent bodies to our constituency by the persuasive arguments of our brightest Masonic scholars, nor the coercive effects of a great majority.

And he might have added, "nor while nearly one-third of the meager revenue and small amount in the treasury is expended for jewels and testimonials for the retiring General Grand Masters."

We are pleased to note the action of Past General Grand Master GEORGE J. PINCKARD, of Louisiana, who paid back into the treasury ten dollars more than the cost of his jewel presented to him. This sense of honor, duty, propriety and justice, stamps him with the mark of a high toned gentleman and upright Mason, and sets an example worthy to be followed by all of his successors in that office hereafter, while its treasury is so low in funds.

The General Grand Recorder being paid only *one hundred and fifty dol-dollars* for his services and only *thirty-seven dollars and thirty cents* for office expenses, and no mileage allowed him towards his traveling expenses! It looks as if that "home of the north wind" needed a little of the balmy air of the south to warm up the cockles of their hearts with the proper spirit to do justice to the General Grand Recorder whose report is able, concise and shows the accurate and painstaking Chief of Staff who is certainly worthy of his hire.

The net increase throughout the jurisdiction during the three years previous was 2,212 and the total membership 19,638.

Comp. ORESTES A. B. SENTER, of Columbus, Ohio, was elected *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master, and Comp. HENRY W. MORDHURST, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was re-elected *R.·. P.·.* General Grand Recorder.

ALABAMA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama, held its fifty-fifth Annual Assembly in the Masonic Temple in Montgomery, on Monday, the fifth day of December, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892, A. Dept. 2892. *M.·. I.·.* GEORGE F. MOORE, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The proceedings of this Grand Council come to us in the "*Masonic Guide*" of January, 1893, published by Companion ARMSTRONG at Montgomery, to which we wish abundant success.

There is no report of the number of subordinate Councils, though the number of Companions admitted, affiliated and re-instated during the previous year was fifty-eight, with a loss of four by demission, being a net gain of fifty-four, but the total membership is not given and we are in the dark.

The Address of the Grand Master only occupies a page and a third, but brief as it is, he speaks very encouragingly of the Cryptic Rite and says:—

"I greet you one and all, our small and faithful few, and am sincerely

thankful that I can report to you, that Cryptic Masonry in Alabama is beginning to be revived, and assure you that with the proper effort several new Councils, composed of the very best Masonic material can be organized. One Council is now ready for organization, and there are two others which can probably be instituted within the next sixty days.

"The Councils in Birmingham, Selma and Gadsden are, thanks to our zealous and well informed Companions in charge of them and others residing there, flourishing and prosperous.

"*Montgomery* Council and others, which have not been doing any work for the past year, have candidates for the degrees and will doubtless soon be in a satisfactory condition."

Yet, with all this encouragement for Cryptic Masonry to stand upon its bottom, he wants it to be attached as a tail and bobs to the Templar's kite, and have the subterranean arches strung up like horseshoes and float with feathers in the air. He says:—

"I would recommend the passage of a resolution asking the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States to make the Council Degrees a pre-requisite for the Order of Knighthood."

What an entanglement there would be if such were to be the case? The query arises: What sort of diplomatic arrangement and treaty could be arranged between the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, a National organization, and that of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, also a National organization, repudiated by Mississippi, Illinois and other independent State Grand Councils? Would it not be regarded as a usurpation and an act of coercion *per se* to force upon them a union which they are aversive and hostile to? It certainly would lead to complications between the high contracting powers, and helmets would have to be doffed to approach the Secret Vault and the feathers carried under the arms and out of sight. The only use that the Templar could have for the trowel of a Select Master is that provided for by Moses when in the desert. (See Deuteronomy XXIII, 13.) The sword cannot be made into a trowel and is comparatively but a poor butter-knife. Ahishar or Zabud would have to sing out "low bridge!" every time a Templar attempted to enter and pass under the arches, to reach the Secret Vault, the entrance to which is horizontal and not vertical; and there would be no mistake in trying to distinguish between the sounds of the jingling of the spurs and those of the busy trowels. Let well enough alone and build upon that.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Comp. GEORGE F. MOORE was re-elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. H. CLAY ARMSTRONG re-elected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS.

We have received nothing from this jurisdiction for 1892, and, as the "Arkansaw Traveler" may be abroad, we shall defer any comments until notified of his return.

CANADA.

The lights of this *Aurora Borealis* have not yet appeared and being "too far north of our ecliptic" have not been able to place their roseate aureole over the head of our California Grizzly Bear, whose habits do not incline him to climb the North Pole, though he keeps his eye on the North Star.

CONNECTICUT.

The seventy-fourth Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Connecticut was held in Masonic Hall, Cheney Building, in the City of Hartford, the ninth day of May, A. D. 1892, Anno Dep. 2892, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M. Comp. ATHERTON L. BARNES, *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER keeping the minutes of the work.

Comp. A. B. SHUMWAY, Representative from California, being present.

Twenty Councils were represented with a membership of two thousand seven hundred and fifty-four, being a gain of one hundred twenty-four over that of the previous year, which shows that the trowels on the arches have not been idle in the subterranean corridor under the Charter Oak in the State of "steady habits."

The Address of the Grand Master is brief, like that of his immediate predecessor. He reports having paid official visits to eight Councils, which is seven more than the last Grand Master had done the year previous. The Deputy Grand Master having officially visited four and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Works three Councils during the year.

In his address he says:—

"The Most Puissant Grand Master is in full accord with this manner of exemplifying the work each year by some subordinate Council as well as in the appointment of judges, and believes it will be productive of much good in securing general uniformity. I recommend that it be continued.

"The condition of the Rite at the present time is that of unusual prosperity. The Councils generally report an increase of work; there are but few weak Councils under our authority, and these are lacking only in that interest on the part of their members which is essential to the existence of any body, and which a little self-denial on their part would readily secure.

"Before surrendering the gavel, with which I have been entrusted, to my successor, I desire to return my sincere thanks to you, my Companions, for having chosen me to fill this high and honorable position, for the uniform courtesy that has been shown me on every side as a Representative of this Grand Council, and to the Grand Officers who have been associated with me, for the assistance they have given whenever required. My official visits during the past four years have been most pleasant occasions and will forever remain as bright spots in my Masonic experience. It has given me the assurance that there is something in Masonry besides mere ceremonies, and that we who are bound together by the mystic ties are indeed a band of brothers, with one common weal, the promotion of each other's interests. May this ever continue and may the lessons taught within our sanctuary be embodied in our daily existence."

The Report upon Fraternal Correspondence is by Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER. He pays a compliment to Comp. WM. FRANK PIERCE, our *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master of California, and quotes liberally from his address. He reviews Comp. CASWELL'S report of 1891 and says:—

"His report might therefore be called a left handed one, being written under adverse circumstances, and that he might be regarded as paying a left handed compliment, to our predecessor, Comp. WILLIAM WALLACE LEE." (Quoting an extract.)

We most heartily concur in his just conclusions in his report which we adopt in full. The "Charter Oak" is an allspice tree. It was *clove* to conceal the charter of colonial rights and the liberties of the people, when threatened with danger, when Connecticut was but an infant colony, and if its acorns have been mistaken for wooden nutmegs by other people, who, if they had searched farther, they would not have claimed a *greater* discovery.

He says:—

"On the whole, the Cryptic Rite seems to be picking up, not only among the "regulars" but the independent jurisdictions as well, and the prospect for the future is much better than ever before. Should success crown the efforts of those who are striving to gain recognition by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, there would be a boom right away, but it would be compulsory only. We think the Rite is able to stand on its own merits, but more exertion and zeal is needed to accomplish it. It must not be conducted on the cheap John plan. No Masonic Order is run so miserly as this; and that it is a stepping stone to Templar honors, is because the Rite makes it so by its own lethargy and stinginess. There is a grand opportunity to make the cryptic Rite one of the most social and enjoyable of any, because it is not over-burdened with ritual. Its degrees are short, instructive, and, when properly conferred, impressive, leaving ample time on its assembly nights for a social spread, and after supper smoke, but for these things it needs more financial aid.

"To our co-laborers in the field of Cryptic correspondence we extend our thanks for the favorable reception of ourself into the guild, and sincerely hope no thought of ours which has been penned will give offense to a single Companion. Trusting again to have the opportunity of traveling with you through the secret apartments of our ancient Grand Master, I bid you all adieu.

Comp. THOMAS J. GILL, was elected *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master and Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER re-elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown (North America excepted), was held at Mark Masons Hall, Great Queen street, London, W. C., on Thursday, March 10th, 1892, at 6 o'clock P. M. *R.·. Ill.·.* Col. A.B. COOK, Deputy Grand Master, presiding as Grand Master and Comp. C. F. MATIER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eighteen Councils with a membership of four hundred and eighty-nine on their rolls under its jurisdiction.

The Grand Master not being present no address by him was delivered.

Comp. MATIER in his report says:—

"Kindly and fraternal relations continue to exist between the Grand Councils of the United States and Canada and this Grand Council, and our cordial thanks are due to those Grand Bodies for the reports of proceedings which reach us from time to time, and show the vast amount of time and labor devoted to the Cryptic Rite by our Companions across the Atlantic, and also the great success which has rewarded their exertions. The Grand Recorder has carefully read these reports, and begs to acknowledge the kindly mention of this Grand Council made by the various Chairman for Correspondence. The American rule, which is to elect every Grand Officer, differs materially from our custom, whereby we, in common with all other Masonic Bodies in England, agree to acquiesce in the wisdom and impartiality of our Most Illustrious Grand Master, and place every appointment save that of Grand Treasurer at his disposal; but it is hoped this Grand Council will be found to possess the same objects and ambitions as our sister Grand Councils, to perfect our ritual and to choose none but fit and proper candidates to be received into a knowledge of our secrets and mysteries."

As will be seen they have a singular custom in this Grand Council of only electing one officer, that of Grand Master, who appoints all the other officers but the Treasurer, and the Director of Ceremonies announces all other titles, honors and offices (not Masonic) held by the Grand Master and his appointees, which, for the curiosity and information of our Companions, we herein insert. It will be seen that in the proclamation he has to go through a long procession before the officer in the Grand Council is reached.

"Whereupon the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclamed:—

"The Right Honorable HENRY JAMES, Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Prov. Grand Master, and Grand Superintendent of Northants and Hunts, Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Suffolk, Colonel of the 1st Volunteer Battalion the Northamptonshire Regiment, Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Suffolk and Northampton, &c., &c., &c., has been installed Most Illus. Grand Master for the year ensuing.

"Whereupon, the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed:—

"The Right Illustrious Comp. ARTHUR BOTT COOK, Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fourth Battalion the Oxfordshire Light Infantry, Justice of the Peace for London, Westminster and Middlesex, etc., etc., etc., has been installed Deputy Grand Master for the year ensuing."

Comp. C. F. MATIER was installed as Grand Recorder.

After the installation of officers, all repaired to the Freemasons' Tavern and sat down to a fine banquet, the usual toasts being drank, and appropriate responses made.

To them we send our fraternal greeting.

Here's good health to their Royal and Select
May they ever be both loyal and perfect.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons for the State of Georgia, convened in Annual Assembly of its forty-ninth Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Macon, at 1 o'clock P. M. on Wednesday, April 27th, A. D. 1892, Anno Dep., 2892, and was opened in due form and with prayer.

Comp. HENRY C. BURR, *M. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. ANDREW M. WOLIHIN, Grand Recorder (also Grand Treasurer) keeping the minutes of the work.

There are thirteen Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of three hundred and seventy, of which representatives from ten Councils were present.

California has no representative in that Grand Council nor has Georgia in ours. What is the trouble? Why are not diplomatic relations established and the *entente cordiale* maintained between these two sovereign powers by representatives to both governments? They should be appointed at once. Georgia furnished California with its sixteenth Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Comp. WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR, a true Mason and one of Nature's Noblemen. We shall have to be "marching through Georgia" to see what the matter is, and take the *Burr* off the edge of the working tools that are used in that Grand Secret Vault, for the steel is worn off by constant labor and the tools need to go to the blacksmith's shop to be repointed and resharpened.

The Grand Master's Address is a good one, and shows that he has been a faithful and indefatigable worker in the Cryptic Rite. He has visited Councils that were dormant and infused new blood and new life into them; and in one Council he exemplified the work and conferred the degrees on nine candidates and made a healthy body of it. We take the following extracts from his excellent address:—

"Cryptic Masonry is on the increase. It is the greatest pleasure to meet such encouragement, and to note the fact that all are sensible of the advantage gained by the advancement of the Rite. We come together with brighter prospects than a year ago. All the Councils have done some work. Some have done exceedingly well.

"You see, Companions, that our increase has been greater for the past year than for the past six or eight years, and the prospects for the next twelve months are still more flattering.

"I still find several jurisdictions advocating prerequisite Council degrees to the Commandery. I concur with my Companions that it should be so, as the knowledge of Ancient Craft Masonry cannot be completed without them; but the Grand Commandery has not paid any attention to our former applications. Then let us labor diligently to make the Sublime degrees rank as they should. We have just been ridden of the great destroyer, the Merger, which came near overthrowing many of the Grand Councils. We, ourselves, know well the blighting effect it had upon our Grand Council. It would have shaken its very foundation had it not been for the strenuous efforts of the tried and faithful. But here we are, marching on, and by energy and perseverance we will yet make the Council degrees be sought for by the Knights as the only means by which the American system of Freemasonry can be more complete."

Don't go after the feathers Comp. BURR. Bird lime does not make good cement for the subterranean arches of the Secret Vault. The Mosque of Omar still covers the site of Solomon's Temple, into which no Templar dare intrude even though he may wear the *kepi* and turban with the mounted crescent as a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, nor even can he visit the Holy Sepulchre as a Templar, or if he was to appear as a Pasha with three tails. The Cryptic Rite when it ceases to importune for connection with the chivalric orders will become stronger by its own independence. It is not like "Rachael who envied her sister and said unto Jacob, Give me children or else I die." The Secret Vault is not in such desperate straits as that, for such progeny would prove to be abortions or left-handed Benjaminities who would not in turn be able to generate reliable Companions of the Secret Vault, "for the children of Israel have sworn, Cursed be he that giveth a wife to Benjamin."

There is no report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Comp. HENRY C. BURR, was deservedly re-elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. ANDREW M. WOLIHIN, re-elected Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer.

ILLINOIS.

The fortieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois was held in the Asylum of *Apollo* Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, in the City of Chicago, on the 26th day of October, A. D. 1892, A. Dep. 2892, at 10 o'clock A. M. *Ill.·.* Com.·. SAMUEL J. LE FEVRE, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* GIL W. BARNARD, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are forty-seven Councils under its jurisdiction, with a membership of two thousand three hundred and eighty-seven on its rolls, being a loss of eighty-one during the last year. Only twenty-one or less than one-half of the Councils were represented. The State is districted into nine arches in charge of Deputies, who have to make their approaches to the Secret Vault through countless cornfields and several counties, taking their wages both before and after retiring from examining the deposit of the Sacred Treasure. Being so well paid, is the reason perhaps of their being so independent of the General Grand Council, and being willing, like their standing corn, to remain out in the cold. But there is a shucking time coming, the stalks will be gathered and burned; the corn will be shelled and compressed into glass cobs at Peoria, or transmuted into lard when the *Armoured* Knights of Chicago "shall give to *grease* their shining blades." Excuse the *Helleric* pun, Comp. GIL BARNARD, though it be atrocious.

The Grand Master's Address was very brief, as his visitations were few. He pays full tribute to the Grand Lecturer, Comp. NATHANIEL BOWDITCH. This raises a query in our mind. He was our Grand Lecturer also in our youth, when we learned how to take the sun and studied navigation and surveying. BOWDITCH'S Navigator! Did it become necessary to resur-

rect the old gentleman in the "Old Bay State" and take him out of the Secret Vault to determine their latitude and longitude on the prairies of Illinois? Were not the C. B. & Q., the Illinois Central, Rock Island, and Northwestern lines sufficient for that, without arousing Ahishar and disturbing his repose? Or was he really lost in the corn? It might have been a case of *Le Fevre* and ague with the cold grip of the Secret Vault, which that Grand Body is about to abandon and hunt other holes by changing its sign board to "Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Illinois," as per the report of the proceedings of the Second Mass Convention held at Urbana, Sept. 27, 1892.

We trust they will; then the field will be open for the General Grand Council to charter local Councils of Royal and Select Masters, which in turn will organize a Grand Council for Illinois and be admitted into the Union.

They are troubled in that Grand Council about their forms of prayer (having two sets to choose from), the using of the cross swords upon the altar, being ignorant of their "symbolism, significance or propriety." They are uncertain about the form of investiture of the apron, while they have abandoned its shape, of the triangle to that of the square, the body in color being white bordered with purple and with purple strings.

They had better wait until after the Columbian Exposition is over before making their proposed changes, or some fellow might make a mistake and get into the wrong corridor.

The Fraternal Correspondence is by Comp. GEO. W. WARVILLE, Past Grand Master, who also delivered an address before that Grand Council upon the Cryptic Rite, which shows the composition of an attorney at law, whose strong points are special pleadings, general demurrers and denials, without being able to disprove the assertions of the opposing counsel, or set aside the rulings and decisions of the Courts. Now that such great lights and law-givers of Freemasonry whose names are household words, PIKE, MACKAY, ROCKWELL, SCOTT, and a host of others who are now in their graves and unable of themselves to reply to this attack and onslaught on their veracity and truthfulness as historians, this Companion comes forth like Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzzite of the kindred of Ram," who said: "I am young and ye are very old. I will answer also my part, I also will show mine opinion. For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me. Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles. I will speak that I may be refreshed, I will open my lips and answer: 'JOB has spoken without knowledge and his words were without wisdom.'" "Then the LORD spake unto JOB out of the whirlwind and said: 'Who is this that darkened counsel by words without knowledge. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or

who laid the corner stone thereof; when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of GOD shouted for joy? Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death? Who hath sent out the wild ass free, or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass? Their young ones are in good liking, *they grow up with corn;* they go forth and return not unto them.' "

Comp. WARVILLE is like some others who were John the Baptist's deciples who had been baptized and had to be baptized over again. "And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus; and finding certain disciples, he said unto them: Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? and they said unto him: We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them: Unto what then were ye baptized? and they said unto John's baptism." And that was all they knew about it, so with Comp. WARVILLE.

"He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbor cometh and searcheth him."—*Prov.*

"Some things thou shalt *hele* (conceal), and some thou shalt publish and declare."—*Esdras.*

"No greater honor could accrue to any man than that of having been the founder of a new school of Masonic history, in which the fictions and loose statements of former writers would be rejected, and in which the rule would be adopted that has been laid down as a vital maxim of all inductive science—in words that have been chosen as his motto by a recent powerful investigator of historical truth; not to exceed and not to fall short of facts—not to add and not to take away. To state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."—*Albert G. Mackay.*

When our late lamented brother, ALBERT G. MACKAY, "of blessed memory," was preparing his great work "Encyclopedia of Freemasonry," we asked of him the following question: "Brother MACKAY, why do you stop short and not give the entire history of each Rite and each degree of what is considered to be legitimate Freemasonry, and tell where it is borrowed or stolen from another Rite, and place it where it belongs?" His answer was as follows: "MY DEAR BROTHER SHERMAN, the fact is, the mass of the fraternity by reason of their ambition, notions and prejudices are not prepared to receive the whole truth, and the work would be a financial failure for the publishers for it would not be subscribed for or sell without loss. I have stated the truth as far as it goes; and where what is ideal and fiction that is harmless, I let it go, for all of Freemasonry is more or less a system of allegory and parables, and the real truth must be sought in what is concealed and not what is represented or revealed."

To have for many long years enjoyed the society, the affection and esteem of such distinguished brethren and Masons as Brothers MACKAY, PIKE and a host of others whose Masonic learning and lore surpassed all others while living and the high standard of their works which have been left as rich legacies to the craft when they passed away. We are not yet prepared to

cast aside our common sense, and take the denials, demurrers and negative assertions to the contrary of history stated by these distinguished brethren by one whose velvet is yet soft and green upon his horns which have not yet become hardened, and who is yet but comparatively a spring buck among the incoming herd which will yet have to continue to browse upon the mountains of Hepsidam before they enter the fruitful valleys planted and watered by such splendid and incomparable laborers and overseers in the great vineyards of Freemasonry, and such immortal leaders of the craft.

No, Comp. WARVILLE, no longer write 33° after your name. Go back to the Mark Degree and work diligently in the quarries and try to be an honest man hereafter and not bring up work fit only to be cast over among the rubbish, for your stone will never become the head of the corner. Verily ye have not heard whether there be any Holy Ghost "and need to be baptized again."

Can the ashes of the great fire which devastated Chicago bring forth the records anew that were destroyed in the flames? Can the certificates of marriages and births be reproduced to prove that people are not living in adultery in that city or their offspring illegitimate? When the Masonic records, books and treasures were removed from Charleston to Columbia, South Carolina, for safe keeping, they were destroyed in the conflagration which occurred in that city during the late civil war; and would not Comp. WARVILLE demand that they be presented to him to convince him that they ever existed? And because they could not, and he knowing well that they could not, or that PIKE, MACKAY and all the noble Masonic dead cannot come forth from their graves and reassert that which they once uttered as the truth, he deny their assertions and statements, and erect to himself a monument of egotism, self sufficiency and doubt and that he alone is to be received as the oracle of Masonic truth? "Not if the court knows itself, and it believes it does."

The Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, Comp. WARVILLE to the contrary notwithstanding, were side degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and in our opinion the Southern Supreme Council should never have surrendered its control over them, and it probably never would have done so, if it had not constituted the Northern Supreme Council and relinquished its jurisdiction over that territory, which became a fertile field and afforded a rich harvest to such men as BARKER, CROSS and others, until those who received the degrees organized in bodies and established their own authority and government.

Degrees in Freemasonry are formulated upon allegories, parables and symbols of something intended to be represented, which can only be interpreted by the truly initiated. The mass or mob will worship the shadow or symbol, rather than the substance of the thing that is symbolized. The Golden Calf was made to satisfy the demands of the Israelites, and not because the priests themselves, who performed the idolatrous

ceremonies, believed at all in them or the object worshipped by the people.

King Solomon's Temple has been a vast quarry from which myths, and legends have been furnished, and were he to appear in our days upon the earth, he would be denounced as a profane and denied admission into even the ruins of his own Temple. False traditions, myths, legends and stories have been imposed upon him by ignorant and modern manufacturers of degrees, to a greater extent than stories and smutty yarns which have falsely been ascribed to the immortal ABRAHAM LINCOLN, whom men of base minds have sought to make an American JOE MILLER, of both before and after "the deep damnation of his taking off."

The degrees of Royal Select, and perhaps also of Super Excellent Master, pertain in reality to the ill-fated House of the Stuarts, the nobility adherent to its lost cause and the dangerous risks to be incurred in its efforts to regain the throne of the United Kingdom, against the successful House of Hanover. "If I die, it will be buried here!" meaning in his own breast, were the words uttered by Lord DERWENTWATER, when he left Paris on a secret mission to serve his Royal Master and who was captured by an English frigate and beheaded on Tower Hill, at London, December 8th, 1746. He was the first Grand Master of Masons of France, and the grand-uncle of the fourth Grand Master of Masons of California, CHARLES M. RATCLIFFE, for whom the latter was named and who was our personal friend for over forty years. That the degree of Royal Master was formulated on the desperate straits of the House of the Stuarts preparatory to the attempt of James III, the Old Pretender, to risk all upon the successful invasion of Scotland and to regain his throne, is patent upon its face to every student of history and a Masonic scholar.

In the degree of Select Master there is a continuance of the same ill fortune which befell the House of the Stuarts in the person of the Young Pretender, who also made a similar attempt but signally failed.

To represent King Solomon and HIRAM KING of Tyre, with HIRAM ABIF, working with the trowel and sword in royal apparel, with only two Hebrews and twenty-two foreigners or men from Gebal, in the construction of the Secret Vault, under the Holy of Holies, and to give such representation as historic truth, is the sublimity of ridiculousness and an invention of folly of greater magnitude, figuratively speaking, than the attempt to erect the Tower of Babel on the plains of Shinar, if it had not been fabricated to represent something else by symbols to conceal another object and purpose. While the attempt to adjust and adopt these side degrees of the Scottish Rite to that which they do not fit or apply to, and then to call them "York Rite Degrees," is an attempt of mules to waste their energies in their efforts to engender and produce their kind when they have no reason to be proud of their ancestry or grounds upon which to base their hopes of prosterity. "No milk white bull ere got black calf," says SHAKESPEARE, the author of "to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

There is no Select Master who is not a Fourteenth Degree Mason of the Scottish Rite, knows the name of any one of the eight arches leading to the Secret Vault. While a false legend and tradition has been manufactured in America, to piece out the American improved Royal Arch of Dermott, who called his degree the Royal Arch of Zerubbabel of the Second Temple to attach it to the interests of the House of Hanover under the Georges, in contradistinction to the Royal Arch of Solomon connected with the Secret Vault of the First Temple, which was made use of by the House of the Stuarts, rivals for the throne of the United Kingdom.

The ceremonies of the Select Master's degree with the two kings at labor with HIRAM ABIF are of themselves an absurdity without the reality of the subject concealed or symbolized. In the first place for concealment at least of the construction of the nine arches, including the Secret Vault, only one subterranean arch could be set up at a time from the entrance, for there would have been a caving in and the arches could not have been simultaneously constructed, nor the Secret Vault, which was of such magnitude as to require more men for its construction who were adepts in their occupation, and would have had to employ assistants in taking in the cut stones for the arches and supply them with cement necessary for their purpose, and consequently there would have been no secrecy or concealment of the corridor of the arches, or the Secret Vault itself, or that they should be armed with swords or other weapons to defend the secrecy of instruction or punish the intruder with death.

Unquestionably the degree of Select Master was manufactured to symbolize the plan or movements of CHARLES EDWARD STUART, the Pretender, under the title of JAMES VI, and he and LOUIS XVI, the King of France, are the two kings representing SOLOMON and HIRAM of Tyre, who with the Earl of Mars and Nithsdale and twenty-three others from Gaul (or France) form the twenty-seven who composed the number who were in the Conclave who aided in the project of the Pretender. This in imitation of HENRY III of France, "who fearing an attempt upon his life by the Duke of Guise organized an order composed of *twenty-seven* knights, who were all bound by their oath to expose their property and their lives in defense of their king and religion. He gave the title of Commanders to the members of this order, designing to provide them all with commanderies and rich benefices." So with a similar purpose and with the same number, the Young Pretender organized his retinue to accompany his fortunes in his fruitless efforts to regain the throne of Scotland and England. "The Pretender, attended by the Earls of Mars and Nithsdale, effected his escape from Montrose in a fishing smack accompanied by *twenty-four* other personages of distinction, who thus saved themselves from a rebel's fate." These were the men from Gebal (Gaul or France) and making the *twenty-seven*, who were laying the foundations of the reign of the Pretender in secret, and who were the *Select Masters* working

in his confidence and to restore him if possible to the throne, and thus this symbolism became attached as a side degree to the fourteenth of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite coincidental to the Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Mason of the Fourteenth Degree.

In speaking of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, our late COMP. MACKAY says: "There is no doubt that these degrees belonged originally to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and were conferred as honorary degrees by the Inspectors of that Rite. This authority and jurisdiction the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction continued to claim until the year 1870; although through negligence, the Councils of Royal and Select Masters in some of the States had been placed under the control of independent jurisdictions called Grand Councils. Like all usurped authority, however, this claim of the State Grand Councils does not seem to have ever been universally admitted or to have been very firmly established. * * * As far as regards the interference of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite that question was set at rest in 1870 by the Mother Council, which, at its session at Baltimore, formally relinquished all further control over them."

The reason of this is evident and plain. The Degree of Royal Master was not necessary in the regular line of the A. and A. S. Rite, nor the representation of the construction of the nine arches, including the Secret Vault, upon the level, and it was no longer necessary to represent by symbolism the organization and the plans of the lost cause of the Pretender, for which they were fabricated; but they came to America with the Rite of Perfection or the A. and A. S. Rite and solely contained and held within the bosom of the Southern Supreme Council; but not exactly in regard to the finding of the Sacred Treasure was the symbolism continued. In place of the crown and regalia and jewels, belonging to the kingdom of Scotland, a portion of the fourteenth degree was substituted; but seeing that it would produce confusion in the work, a new change was made by those who were also of the other Rite, and the last part was altered to adapt it to the American Royal Arch Degree to apply *nunc pro tunc*, and pretend to show what had been overlooked and omitted in that decree, which was required to piece it out and make it "*Perfection*." The Fourteenth Degree not requiring the representation of the construction of the nine arches (though using them), and each having its proper name, of which the ordinary Royal and Select Master, unless he be a Scottish Rite Mason, knows nothing about, nor of the true symbolism of the Secret Vault, nor of the actual True Word represented to have been discovered, or the manner in which it is discovered, or the true explanations in connection therewith.

Being unnecessary any longer as surplus *verniers* upon the scale of the Scottish Rite, they were removed from the vertical arc and cast aside, and are now used as second-handed material, getting out of place in the American Royal Arch Chapters and lost, and then trying to be used as a

base for the trinity of the cross of the Templar and properly rejected. To receive that attention and due respect from its members and to hold its proper place in the estimation of the Fraternity, with the modern lectures now attached to it, which it did not have before, the Cryptic Rite should stand alone upon its own foundations and its own merits never belying its origin, the original purpose for which it was created or its foster mother which protected and gave it nourishment until it was able to look after and provide for itself. LAWRENCE DERMOTT and his followers, when they seceded from the Grand Lodge of England and organized a new Grand Lodge and he fabricated his Royal Arch of Zerubbabel out of a portion of the Royal Arch of Solomon (or Enoch), and the rest out of the Fifteenth Degree of Rite of Perfection or Scottish Rite, that the Masonic adherents of the House of Hanover might also have a Royal Arch Degree, and THOMAS DUNCKERLY, the bastard son of George the Third, stripped the Master's Degree of the True Word and attached it to DERMOTT's Royal Arch and left a substitute behind (and which was revamped in this country by THOMAS SMITH WEBB), had no use whatever for the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters fabricated for CHARLES EDWARD STUART, the pretender, who was proclaimed a traitor and rebel, and who, with the twenty-six others forming the *twenty-seven* of his Secret Vault, and who would have all been beheaded if they had been captured by their more successful rival enemies.

The language, manner, expression, titles and formula of the ceremonies and catechism show its derivation from the Scottish Rite completely and of which the Cryptic Rite cannot be divested. The whole structure is Scottish and shows the French polish in finish and adjustment which distinguishes it from the rude, ill-formed, badly designed and worse wrought of the English Royal Arch Degree, to which all efforts have failed to have it attached and fitted and it makes a poor composite piece of architecture at best when presented as a compliment to that Royal Arch Degree.

This is our reply to Comp. WARVILLE in his efforts to belittle his superiors in Masonic history and lore who are now wrapt in the cerements of the grave unable to speak for themselves, but whose works left behind will be their monuments and last as long as Freemasonry endures, while the names of their detractors will be buried in oblivion.

Comp. MARSHALL U. TRIMBLE, of Princeton, was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. GIL W. BARNARD re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana assembled in its thirty-seventh Annual Meeting in Masonic Temple, in the City of Indianapolis, at two o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of October, A. D. 1892, A. Dep. 2892.

Comp. THEODORE D. BROWN, *Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding and Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE keeping the minutes of the work.

Representatives of forty of the forty-two chartered Councils of this jurisdiction were present. This was a splendid showing. But with a full treas-

ury, ample mileage and pay of six dollars per diem allowed will account in a large measure for this large representation. But it is business, Masonic business, conducted on business principles.

We are pleased to note among the twenty-one Grand Representatives present Comp. O. W. BROWNBACK, Representative of California, was also present. Being paid his per diem as a Past Grand Officer, he received no mileage, living only twenty-eight miles away.

Comp. THEODORE D. BROWN, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, delivered an admirable Address, which exhibits the conscientious painstaking officer who feels the responsibility of his high office and that much of his work was done "when all prying eyes were closed in sleep." He presents no recommendation for the attachment of the Cryptic Rite to any other body called Masonic, chivalric or otherwise; and from the healthy condition of the Rite in his State, the good condition of its treasury, the mileage and pay of its members, the administration of the affairs of its Grand Council, makes it a first class model to be followed by other jurisdictions, to which we commend it.

Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Recorder, at the close of his brief and concise report, says:—

"Every council in the State has made report and Grand Council dues in full for the year 1892."

This is as it should be and speaks well for the forty-two Councils of this jurisdiction.

The proceedings are adorned with a fine engraving of Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master WILLIAM HACKER, whose features show him to have been a man of great intelligence, keen of perception, and of a positive character, and that it did not take long for him to form an opinion from observation of the individuals with whom he might come in contact, or to handle a business with which he might be entrusted.

Comp. HENRY W. MORDHURST, Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence, presents a full report. He gives three pages in his review of California for 1891 and 1892, and in quoting from our review of Indiana last year takes exceptions to a litle facetia expressed therein, upon matters which have become proverbial out of the Hoosier State, though California is not far behind.

He says of us:—

"His slur anent a pretended origin of "Hoosier" is as uncalled for as it is untrue."

After giving other reasons and quoting from a newspaper squib we said, "It also means a switch." This application, it is said, was also made of the latter by mothers to children not of their own maternity, caused by marriages after frequent divorces, so readily obtained in Indiana, that the chastised youngsters were constantly making the inquiry of each other, "Who's yer step-mother now?"

He also condemns our plain English in our review of New York, and pharasaically dismisses us as follows:—

"The Wild West should tone down. Vulgarity is neither wit nor argument."

Comp. MORDHURST, is very thin skinned and more nice than wise. We may have come nearer the truth in our chance observations and our accidental shots perhaps have hit the mark unintentionally, and he may be a "misfit" himself for aught we know, and we possibly have come near the truth without knowing it in the dark; but that is none of our business, and if anyone chances to claim that a random shot let off like a rocket or squib in the dark, intended for no one in particular, we do not hold ourself responsible if anyone should claim that it was intended personally for himself, which we deny. Comp. MORDHURST is more fastidious than the old maid, who, upon being reproached by her sisters and lady friends for not accepting fine offers for marriage and being asked the reason why, said that she "did not approve of the Almighty's method for propagating the race."

California is the "Golden West" and not the "*Wild* West," any more than Indiana. To be sure we still have the grizzly bear on our State coat of arms, and once in a great while in the remote fastnesses of our mountains, this ancient inhabitant is met with and occasionally, as a matter of curiosity, be seen in cages; but we have never had a buffalo in California excepting an imported one for show. Indiana still retains this wild bovine running away from a woodchopper upon her State escutcheon from which we judge that that gramnivorous animal in that State is not yet extinct. Comp. MORDHURST is a little wild in his remarks, and wide of the mark both in his conclusions and statements. This may be owing to the malaria in the swamps of the Wabash which has permeated his system, and he boards at a drug store with sulphate of quinine as his chief article of diet.

Comp. MORDHURST, come and spend a year in our glorious California climate and get rid of the surplus of bile in your liver, and you will be freed from your morbid jaundiced sensitiveness which is worse than was Peter's when there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter, kill and eat. But Peter said, Not so LORD, for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time. What GOD hath cleansed that call thou not common (vulgar). This was done thrice. Comp. MORDHURST may make the application. *Selah!*

Comp. EDWIN H. DUNNING, of Goshen, was elected *Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, of Indianapolis, Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas commenced its twenty-fourth Annual Assembly in Chickering Hall at Leavenworth, Kansas, at 4:30 o'clock P. M., on February 15th, A. Dep. 2892, A. D. 1892.

Comp. JAMES H. MCCALL, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, *Ill.* Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Ten out of the eleven Councils of this jurisdiction were represented.

There are no representatives to and from this Grand Council and our own of California. Better do this matter up, *Brown*.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief and concise, but gives no information concerning his official visitations or a review of the work done.

Full tribute is paid to the memory of the honored dead, including Companions CHRISTIAN BECK (Grand Treasurer of that Grand Council), ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, WM. P. ANDERSON, of Massachusetts; IRA BERRY of Maine, and ALBERT PIKE; and of the latter he says:—

"Masons of every degree lament the death of Illustrious Comp. General ALBERT PIKE, which occurred at Washington City, April 2d, 1891. This *Ill.·.* Companion was more especially identified with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, yet the Grand Council of Arkansas mourns for him, through whose efforts the first council was established in that State some forty years ago."

The Report of Comp. JOHN H. BROWN shows that the right man is in the right place. The condition of the Rite in that State is healthy and prosperous, and he says:—

"It is pleasing to note the excellent financial condition of our Grand Council. We have steadily increased our balance on the right side of the ledger each year."

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is also by Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, Chairman of the Committee, in which he reviews the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils, California for 1891 included. He pays full tribute to Comp. WM. FRANK PIERCE our *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and quotes liberally from his Address, as he also does from Comp. CASWELL'S Report on Fraternal Correspondence, but without comment thereon. But we have read with great interest and pleasure his review of the other Grand Councils as well, and like the spirit and tone in which it is written. Come again, Comp. BROWN.

Comp. John H. SPENCER was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. JOHN H. BROWN re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters, met in Grand Annual Assembly in the Grand Consistorial Room, Masonic Temple, Louisville, on Monday, October 17th, *Anno Domini* 1892, *Anno Depositionis* 2892, at 7:30 P. M.

Comp. THOMAS PAGE GRANT (not GRUNT as the uncorrected proof made it read in our last year's proceedings), *Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. HENRY BOSTWICK as *V.·. Ill.·.* Grand Recorder *pro tem.* keeping the minutes of the work.

There were Representatives from seven Councils only, out of thirteen,

which had made returns of the eighteen Councils in this State. Loss from last year was *three*, there being five hundred and fifty on the rolls.

We note the absence of Comp. JAMES D. LEWIS, California's Representative to that Grand Council.

The Grand Master's Address is a fraternal one in spirit, but his remarks upon the condition of the Rite in that State, while expressing hope for the better, which reminds us of the vision of the prophet Ezekiel of the valley of dry bones. "And he said unto me, son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O, LORD GOD thou knowest."

We hope the result will be the same as in that vision. But he says:—

"Notwithstanding the earnest persistent efforts of my predecessors the painful fact exists that Cryptic Masonry in Kentucky is not in a healthy condition. The causes were many, various and wholly unavoidable. Among them was a decline in Masonry, the springing up of insurance orders and financial depression; but I am happy to say that some of these causes have passed away, and others look as though they would soon be among the things that were.

"I have engaged in an extensive correspondence with various Companions with the hope of reviving some of the dormant and dead Councils. While my success has not been all I could wish, I am happy to say that I did grant a dispensation to one Council to resume labor, and I have reason to hope others will do so in the near future, and that my labors have not been in vain. The great need of the Cryptic Rite is enthusiasm in its officers and members. This Grand Council has issued charters to as many as sixty-two subordinate Councils, and I can see no good reason why there should not be at least thirty or forty *live* Councils in this jurisdiction; to this end I offer the following recommendations."

Then follow his recommendations.

Comp. JAMES WM. STATON, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, gives a report of about one page of the proceedings from which we take the following:—

"Last year when we wrote our short apologetic report, we fondly hoped we would be permitted to present a full and complete report this year, but we are sorry to say that from information received from the Grand Recorder, there is no better prospect for an increase in the funds of Grand Council than heretofore, without which it is useless to undergo the labor and trouble to prepare a detailed report only to be consigned to the waste basket. We are ready and willing to discharge our duty in this regard when the Grand Council is in a financial condition to present the report in printed form after it is prepared."

And after acknowledging the receipt of the proceedings of other Grand Councils, including California for 1891 and 1892, he says:—

"The following are absent whose Assemblies have been held previous to October 1st, 1892, viz.: Canada, Nebraska, Oregon and Wisconsin. The Grand Council of Canada has not printed its proceedings since 1887; Nebraska has not printed in full since its re-organization, and Wisconsin has printed none since 1887.

"In the examination of these proceedings before us we find that Cryptic Masonry is most prosperous in those jurisdictions which have adopted the Grand Lecturer system.

"We are glad to note that Alabama was not dead as was supposed, but

like several other jurisdictions held its Assemblies annually all the time, without having the funds to print the proceedings. We have reached the solemn conclusion that when a Grand Body of any kind cannot command revenue to run its ordinary expenses, it is about time to abandon its organization and shut up shop.

"Still trusting that the time may come when we will be able to launch another detailed report to the Cryptic Masons of Kentucky, and see it in print, we bid adieu to one and all for the present.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES WILLIAM STATON,
Chairman, for the Committe.

We note also in the Report of the Finance Committee that the salary of the Grand Recorder for 1892 of fifty dollars, that *fifteen dollars remains unpaid for the lack of funds.* We can now see the reason for the expression on Comp. LORENZO DOW CRONINGER'S, the Grand Recorder's face, in the frontispiece. No wonder the whites of his eyes appear so prominent; and we concur in the opinion of Comp. STATON, "we have reached the solemn conclusion that when a Grand Body of any kind cannot command revenue to run its ordinary expenses, it is about time to abandon its organization and shut up shop."

Comp. JOSHUA SOULE SMITH, of Lexington, was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. LORENZO DOW CRONINGER, of Covington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Louisiana, assembled in the Masonic Temple corner of St. Charles and Perdido streets, city of New Orleans, on Thursday, eleventh of February, 1892, at 12 o'clock M.

Comp. HERMAN C. DUNCAN, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and (our Comrade of the Veterans of the Mexican War) Comp. RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work,

There are seven Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of one hundred and ninty-five (an increase of fifty-three over last year) four of which were represented.

Comp. SAMUEL MANNING TODD, P. M. I. G. M., our representative from California we are pleased to note again was present.

The Address of the Grand Master is cheering and encouraging and although he is a preacher and a pastor, he does not shear his flock for his own selfish interests, but his acts show that like the rest of our Louisiana Companions he is a whole-souled fellow.

We take the following from his address:—

"*Thrice Illustrious Companions*—With much pleasure I greet you as we assemble to renew our labors on behalf of Cryptic Masonry in Louisiana. Our prospects are ever brightening, and succesful issue is assured to our labors, so long confined in gloom, but never in despair.

"My work during the past year enables me to present you to-day with two new Councils prepared to receive charters, and to give you the assurance of probably two more, at least, during the next year.

"I am also happy to be able to say that death has not called away any of the officers, past or present, of this Grand Council.

"On the twentieth of February, I tendered *M.·. Ill.·.* FREDERIC SPEED, Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite of Mississippi, a commission near his Grand Council as our Representative. It was declined with thanks, for the reason that the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master has taken the position that Grand Councils, on becoming members of the league known as the General Grand Council, surrender their sovereignty, and are no longer the peers of such as do not. Louisiana has, as a matter of fact, agreed to no terms of surrender and holds, in fact, every vested right she ever held. We waited long for Mississippi to recover from the crank fever. We had hoped she was sufficiently recovered to wish good company. We are sorry that our expectations have been disappointed. We shall continue to wait, knowing that some day sanity must return to her robust body.

"On the ninth of July, I communicated the degrees to eight R. A. M.'s in Coushatta, for the purpose of forming a Council at that place, as recommended by *Shreveport* Council. Uniting myself with these eight a Council was duly organized under dispensation and the degrees conferred on six candidates. They will apply for charter under the name of *Duncan* Council; I recommend that the prayer be granted. The fees for the eight I directed paid to the Grand Council. I recommend that the same course be followed as in the case of *Summit* Council, that the amount be returned, less the charge of two dollars on each candidate, or sixteen dollars in all, as the money is needed by the Companions to complete the equipment of their Council.

"On the first of February, I visited Opelousas, accompanied by *Ill.·.* Comp. THOS. CLEMENTS. The debt due the Grand Council by the late *Eureka* Council No 10, having been paid in full, it was our intention to revive it, but unfortunately two of the ten surviving members failed to attend. Nothing could be done in the direction proposed, and so *Ill.·.* Comp. CLEMENTS, of *Summit* Council, united with these eight of Eureka, and petitioned for a dispensation to form a new Council. Feeling quite sure that *Summit* Council would recommend the action, and which was subsequently done, I granted the prayer, organized the Council under the name of *James Ray* Council, and set them to work, or rather, began the work, filling alternately the positions of Master and Principal Conductor, and ceased not until nine candidates had passed the circle, and all present, not already possessed therewith, had been instructed in the Super Excellent Degree. We then sought refreshments, and were hospitably entertained by the generous hearted Companions of the Ancient Prairie City These seventeen Select Masters will petition for charter, and I cordially recommend that it be granted."

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Comp. GEORGE J. PINCKARD, P. M. P. G. G. M., Chairman of the Committee and whose portrait adorns the front page of the proceedings. What a splendid record he had and what a good, strong honest face it is, even though he has the effeminate fashion of parting his hair in the middle which we take to be Masonically symbolic.

The line of justice over the top of his head shows that even in his own person he would give both sides an equal chance even to the splitting of a hair.

In looking over his record we almost hear the cry of the Scotch lass during the Siege of Lucknow. "Dinna ye hear the bagpipes Jeannie?"

for Comp. PINCKARD was "present in India during the Suppression of of the Sepoy Mutiny in 1857-8."

His Masonic record is a grand one and we tender him our hearty fraternal congratulations upon his having attained such high honors in Masonry for his earnest labors, liberal heartedness and faithful industry show that they were honestly and deservedly earned.

His report is a keen analysis of the work done in the several Grand Councils and his conclusions are eminently just.

In speaking of Comp. MORDHURST'S lunacy as charged by our late Comp. JEROME, he says:

"It has always struck us there is a great deal of method in Comp. MORDHURST'S lunacy. The great trouble with him is, he is a *dyspeptic*."

Better deal with an inflammatory rheumatic,
Rather than with a dyspeptic lunatic.

In his review of Maine, after quoting the following from Grand Master SEYMOUR'S Address,

"The great bar to the advancement and prosperity of the Cryptic Rite is found in the Grand Encampment of the United States."

Comp. PINCKARD says:—

"We fail to see it. It might with equal propriety be called the bar to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, over which it has no influence.

"Doubtless if the cryptic degrees constituted the royal road, through which all aspirants to Templarism would have to travel, it would very much augment our numbers, but this is the one road the Grand Encampment will ignore; it chafes at the restriction even of the Royal Arch, and as a majority of the Grand Encampment are not R. and S. Masters, it is useless deluding ourselves they will legislate in our favor; besides which, to our mind, there is something unspeakably undignified in the perpetually recurring wail to the Encampment to take care of us. We think we have a ritual second to no other in the Masonic series, and if it has not merit sufficient to stand alone, it will, as it ought to, die out."

Never was the truth more plainly or better stated, and in which we most heartily concur. The only connection between the Commandery of Knights Templar and the Royal Arch Chapter is, that the unfinished Royal Arch Degree is to be found in the Red Cross Degree (which is a misnomer) containing the Persian and Jewish history of the reign of Darius, the successor of Cyrus, the Persian Monarch, and Zerubbabel, the Prince of the House of Judah, and upon which all intelligent Masonic scholars agree, was made out of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Degrees of the A. and A. S. Rite, which were taken bodily and "telescoped" by WEBB. If that degree was dismissed or discarded from the Commandery and placed in the Royal Arch Chapter, then it would be historically correct, and the Royal Arch Chapter by this attachment and amalgamation would become a part of the Scottish Rite. And as our late Comp. MACKAY says:—

"In New Brunswick it has been connected with Cryptic Masonry. *It is there as much out of place as it is in a Commandery of Knights Templar.* Its only *true connection is with the Royal Arch Degree.* WEBB, or who-

ever else introduced it into the American Templar system, *undoubtedly* took it from the Sixteenth Degree or Prince of Jerusalem, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite."

Hence, we cannot see any good sense in trying to hang the nine subterranean arches, set in stone, as horse-shoes, upon the arms of the Templars' Passion Cross, making them pendants thereto, and reversing the order of natural physics and overturning the rules of common sense. You may carry in the Cross, if you will handle it carefully, so as not to knock down the arches and conceal it in the Secret Vault until you wish to place it again where it belongs on Mt. Calvary. The cross is of wood; the Nine Arches and the Secret Vault are entirely of stone and in which the wood will but miserably and only temporarily fit, for it will surely decay and also damage the stone.

We like Comp. PINCKARD'S remarks as follows:—

"Comp. OSGOODBY'S views and our own appear to be antipodal. We believe in liberality in printing and economy in gew-gaws. He takes the exactly opposite position."

In his conclusion, he says:—

"This report has been written hurriedly, by request of the Grand Council. It does not bear the express seal of its authority, but we believe it fairly expresses its views on the subjects treated of. It is intended for the information of our own particular companions more than those of other jurisdictions.

"We present it just as it has occurred to us, without consulting or looking up back proceedings, and we have no time to revise or correct errors, either grammatical or historical.

"The progress of the Rite is substantial; tending toward that unification of purpose which was the object the founders of the General Grand Council had in view from the first. The detractors of the General Grand Council are becoming few and still more few in numbers, and may now be counted on the fingers of one hand.

"It does not appear, however, that with diminished numbers diminished virulence obtains; on the contrary, the fewer the number, the louder the vituperations; in order to keep up the equilibrium, we suppose.

"In the meantime all has about ended, and the victors who, through good and evil report, steadily held on their way, untill success crowned their efforts, can largely sympathize with the lamentations of those who had been most acutely disappointed."

Comp. H. C. DUNCAN was re-elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Maine Assembled at Masonic Hall, in Portland, on Wednesday, the fourth day of May, A. L. 5892, A. D. 1892, A. Dep. 2892, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

M.·. I.·. DENISON E. SEYMOUR, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and STEPHEN BERRY, acting as Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are sixteen Councils with a membership of 1,592 in this jurisdiction, of which fourteen were represented in Grand Council.

We are pleased to note the presence of *M.·. I.·.* JOSIAH DRUMMOND as Representative from the Grand Council of California. In Masonic Bodies he is always present and on deck.

The Address of the Grand Master is a business-like document and an admirable report, showing that the Cryptic Rite has not suffered in his hands during his administration. It fills seventeen pages of the proceedings. He had instituted four new Councils.

Upon the state of the Rite, he says:—

"I am happy to be able to report a favorable and largely progressive condition of this beautiful Order. Its advancing steps have reverberated in welcome sounds all over our land while in foreign jurisdictions its echoes are caught as a prize and new inspirations animate to a newness of life."

He is very strenuous in his recommendations to have the Cryptic Rite annexed as a prerequisite to the Chivalric Order of the Templars, "and that all possible means be employed for consummating, not only so desirable an end, but one absolutely and imperatively demanded for the good and prosperity of the Order."

We utterly fail to see it in those lamps as we said in our last year's report. There have been four new Councils established in Maine, as he reports, while the total increase of new members as shown by the returns is *two hundred and sixty-four!* being an average of seventeen for each Council. Where is this imperious necessity? we should like to know. The facts do not show it. Better let well enough alone and let the arches stand firmly on their own foundations, for you cannot suspend them in the air with feathers nor make roosts of them while stone chicken-houses under ground are not healthy for poultry.

He pays full tribute to the memory of *R.·. I.·.* IRA BERRY, late Grand Recorder of that Grand Council, who died on September 20th, 1891, at the ripe age of ninety years. "The dark angel but touched him, and he slept in death."

In concluding his address, he says:—

"In concluding this address, I desire to call attention to objectionable methods in conferring the degrees, which seem to prevail like an epidemic in nearly all our Councils.

"Certainly there is no part of the work in either of the first two degrees that would justify a departure from impressiveness to levity. I fail to see, in *any* part of the S. V., an opportunity for breaking the serenity and quietude of the sublime lessons there taught by the irruption of mirth or jollity for some at the expense of others. Companions, let me entreat of such of you, if any be present, to arrest all such unwarranted methods, and give to him who is entitled to it all the instruction you are or may be competent to give him, in that impressive manner which the beauties of our ceremonies so amply afford."

Put them out, they are intruders.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. JOSIAH H.

DRUMMOND, whose name is a sufficient guaranty of its being an able one even before its perusal. On California, he quotes from Comp. CASWELL'S report for 1891, and remarks, "it is largely an epitome of the proceedings in other jurisdictions."

On California for 1892, he quotes from the Address of *M.·. I.·.* WM. FRANK PIERCE, our Grand Master, and pays him a just tribute for his energy and zeal.

He also gives an extract from our hasty report of last year, and in conclusion says of us:—

"He seems inclined to criticize the seals of some of the Grand Councils; but we are not sufficiently versed in heraldry to be able to judge of the justness of the criticisms."

Comp. DRUMMOND has not had much legal business in the Patent Office at Washington lately or he would certainly have detected some of the infringements. It is not heraldry but inventions that we would refer him to.

In speaking of the making of the Cryptic Rite a prerequisite to receiving the Orders of Knighthood in order to help the Rite, he says:—

"We have not the least faith that the Grand Encampment will narrow the path of approach to the doors of Knighthood. The tendency is in the opposite direction. The time and effort spent in this direction may be a thousand times more profitably expended, if given directly to promote the interests of Cryptic Masonry."

Never has the truth been more tersely or better stated and with which we most heartily concur. In reference to this same subject in reviewing and concurring with Massachusetts, he says further:—

"We have seen no time since 1880 when the proposition could claim the serious consideration of the Grand Encampment, for the reason that a vast majority of its members have gone to its Conclaves with opinions fully formed and firmly held against it. They take pride in Knighthood and are not willing to narrow the path of approach to its doors."

Whoever heard of a blooded mare suckling a ram; and what use has a "horse-mason" for the Secret Vault, excepting as an underground stable, provided he were successful in passing the arches? The Secret Vault is no place to start a riding school, and the Grand Encampment knows it.

Comp. WILLIAM R. G. ESTES, of Skowhegan, was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. STEPHEN BERRY was elected to succeed his honored father as Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland held its Eighteenth Annual Assembly in the old U. S. Court House, Baltimore, on Wednesday, November 11th, A. Dep. 2891, A. D. 1891, at three o'clock P. M.

Comp. HENRY C. LARRABEE *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are four Councils, with a membership of three hundred and seventy-two, in this jurisdiction, which were duly represented.

Comp. ALBERT LYMAN, Representative from California, was present.

The Address of the Grand Master, though brief, is a good one, and Cryptic Masonry certainly in his small jurisdiction has not suffered at his hands. There is no whining or complaining about the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar not making the Council Degree prerequisite to receiving the orders of knighthood, but goes straight ahead and true to the Masonic and Maryland line of manhood and unity of purpose. He says:—

"Companions, another Masonic year has closed, and it is with pleasure I greet you at this annual Assembly. Our gratitude is due to the Omnipotent Ruler, who has preserved us in health and strength, and permitted us to assemble without cause to mourn the loss of any near and dear in our Grand Council.

"I congratulate you on the present condition of the Rite in this jurisdiction. After years of anxiety and labor by the faithful few, who have 'borne the burden and heat of the day,' the Companions of the Chapters are beginning to realize the importance of the cryptic degrees and are coming forward in goodly numbers and enrolling themselves as members and supporters of the Rite.

"Several of our Councils which have been lukewarm heretofore, have been rejuvenated during the past year, and good results are apparent, both in accessions to their numbers and the great interest manifested on the part of their membership, by attendance and participation in the work and business of the Councils. Negotiations are pending for the formation of new Councils and I have no doubt that during the coming year three or more dispensations will be issued for their formation.

"I am much gratified at being able to state that the destruction of the Temple by fire Christmas Day, 1890, did not cause serious loss to our Grand Council. All of its records, papers and printed proceedings escaped with but slight damage by water and smoke. The Subordinate Councils meeting in the Temple lost their paraphernalia. Two of these, *Concordia*, No. 1, and *Hiram*, No. 5, lost their Charters. By my direction the Grand Recorder issued certified copies of the same, and the Councils continued their assemblies without interruption.

"Companions, I exhort you to maintain your zeal in the work. You have done well; strive to do more and better. You have a good field before you the coming year. Build intelligently, labor industriously, study and practice the ritual; it has deep meaning. When you have no degree work, a short lecture, discussion of Masonic subjects, in which all can participate, or social converse would arouse interest and draw Companions to your assemblies."

"Words fitly spoken, like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

The Committee on Correspondence presented a formal acknowledgement of the receipt of the proceedings, etc., of other Grand Councils, California not included, which was ordered to be placed on record. "By GEORGE" Comp. MCCAHAN this was hard, but it was the best you could do under the circumstances.

The burning of the Temple above ground certainly affected the treasure in the Secret Vault to that extent that "the art preservative of all arts" could not be patronized sufficiently to print the report on Correspondence.

Oh, say, did you see by the Secret Vault's light,
How the arches stood firm when the Temple was burning?
When Craftsmen, Companions, in darkness of night
To their Holy of Holies in haste were returning.
Their Temple on fire!
Flames rising higher,
With courage undaunted their hearts did aspire.
Oh, say, does our Temple at Baltimore yet stand
The shrine of the free and the hope of the land.

Oh, yes; we did see by the Secret Vault's light
How the arches stood firm when the Temple was burning.
When the cries of brave men, contending with might
Against the fierce foe, yet sadly were learning.
Though feathers were sing'd
And corselets unhing'd,
In duty's dark hour that true men ne'er cring'd,
And our Temple in beauty shall surely yet stand,
Our fair Baltimore's pride of our own Maryland.

So the arches stood firm and held up the walls,
While the flames fiercely roared and consumed into ashes,
Both Lodge and the Chapter while the Templar's loud calls
At intervals heard between the roar and the flashes,
"One place is secure,
Of this we are sure,
Where the Royal Select in Council endure."
And the Temple rebuilt in her glory shall stand
The shrine of the free and the hope of the land.

With pick and the spade the rubbish remove,
The trowel we'll apply with plumb, level and square,
Like bees in their hive we'll labor with love
Our Temple rebuild, while working with care.
And never revolt
Nor e'er call a halt,
'Till the cap-stone's replaced o'er our Secret Vault,
And our Temple once more in her glory doth stand,
The shrine of the free and the hope of the land.

But, Comp. McCahan, our mill has run out.

Comp. Henry Clay Larrabee of Baltimore was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. George McCahan, of the same place, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts was held in Egyptian Hall, Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, December 14th, A. D. 1892. Anno Dep. 2892.

Comp. WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Of the twenty-four Councils of this jurisdiction (with a membership of four thousand three hundred and forty-nine, being a gain of four hundred and six during the past year) eighteen Councils were represented.

Our Representative Comp. EUGENE H. RICHARDS, from California, was conspicuous by his absence. We trust that he was not seriously indisposed, and if he was, that RICHARDS "is himself again" for he did not put in an appearance last year.

The Address of the Grand Master is like the Scotchman's philibeg *multum in pavo* and only occupies four and a half pages. It is short and sweet like the words of his heroic namesake, "Don't give up the ship!"

He visited fifteen Councils during his term of office concerning which he says:—

"In most of the Councils the work has been excellent and the attendance large, and it is pleasant to note the large amount of work and the increase in membership in the several bodies during the year. The very active condition of the Councils in the State generally, is noteworthy, especially as in some instances a few years ago there seemed but little progress. It is perhaps invidious to single out special Councils for mention; but in my judgment the most successful Councils have been those in which the members have assiduously sought to cultivate a spirit of sociability."

We like this address, for there is no whining for a Commandery of Knights Templar to become an unwilling step-mother which will not suckle, and shows that it is only necessary for the Cryptic Rite to manfully stand upon its own foundations and upon its own merits to be a success. Good for the Grand Council of our native State. Firm as Plymouth Rock, and solid as her granite hills. She knows where to dig her clams, catch her fish and pick her huckle and barberries.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by the Chairman of the Committee *M.·. I.·.* Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, who is also Grand Recorder. It is voluminous and containing sixty-one pages. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Councils, California included. It commences with a brief historical sketch of the Cryptic Rite composed of extracts from Companions SINGLETON and DRUMMOND.

He also quotes from our report of last year and very liberally at that, and especially where we concur in the opinion to let the Cryptic Masonry stand on its own legs, rather than to be lifted up and ride on the sharp rump of a Rosinante behind a rider who would like to leave his Masonry back among the rubbish of the Temple. Sore backed steeds and sore and chafe forked Select Masters of the Secret Vault don't get along well to-

gether, for the pantaloons of the latter are not re-inforced with leather nor can they put their aprons between their legs; and there is no use for the spurs in the corridor of the nine arches, even though the crupper may be shaped somewhat like them. That arch is under the tail and depends upon the martingale and belly band to hold it to its place.

He says:—

"Come back to the old home Comp. SHERMAN and make us a visit."

Well, we were there last September and will be with you again in 1895, unless something intervenes to prevent us.

We like his review all through and most heartily concur in all that he has written and fully endorse the following opinion which is the correct one:—

"We wish that this question could be set at rest Believing thoroughly in the Council, in the beauty and usefulness of its degrees, we deprecate this constant calling for the Grand Encampment to make them prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. They belong where they are. Every brother who cares for Lodge or Chapter *must* have them if he would attain the fullest light. They are worth having for their inherent beauty and the light they throw on the preceding degrees. The Commandery is all right in its place, but we have no desire to call on it to keep the Council alive.

"There is enough of worth and beauty to keep life and strength, and to increase and multiply. Council Masonry is stronger to-day than Chapter Masonry was thirty years ago. There are now in Massachusetts more than one thousand more Council members than there were Chapter members then. The same might be true of any of the jurisdictions in the land if Council Masons would put the same amount of energy into a proper and vigorous working of the degrees that they do into calling for help from the Grand Encampment. The fact is that in many places the degrees are not half worked, and their worst enemies are those of their own household, who cheapen and belittle them before the Masonic world. That 'the GODS help those who help themselves' is as true now as when Æsop wrote it.

"We may, perhaps, be accused of devoting more space to this subject than we ought to, having previously, both as Grand Master and Correspondent, written freely upon it; but it is one that we feel is of great importance."

In his review of New York he says:—

"We have elsewhere repeatedly expressed our belief that all the time and labor spent in trying to make these degrees prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood were not only futile, but that they furnish an excuse for every lazy, shiftless officer of a Subordinate or Grand Council to avoid doing his plain duty.

With the sentiments of the Address which follow we are in hearty accord, and they furnish the keynote to assured success. We wish to say again, that the reason these degrees are not more successful in many localities is that they are cheapened and belittled by the very men who ought to hold them up to a high standard. In many places they are given for $5, and of course it is impossible to work them at all for any such sum as that; and we don't wonder that men have no respect for degrees that are "communicated" rather than "worked."

No, Companions, success is to be found at the end of persistent, earn-

est, well-directed work. Charge a reasonable price for the degrees and then work them in full, so that they are worth the money, and depend upon it that every intelligent candidate who comes in will bring his friends; and thus, and thus only, will our Rite attain a vigorous and hearty growth."

Comp. WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. SERANUS BOWEN re-elected Grand Recorder and Committee on Correspondence.

MICHIGAN.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan held its thirty-fourth Annual Assembly at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Lafayette Avenue, in the City of Detroit, on Monday, January 18th, being the Monday preceding the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1892, A. Dep. 2892, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Comp. CHARLES R. BAGG, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are forty-eight Councils, with a membership of three thousand and sixty-one, in this jurisdiction, with a net gain for the year 1891 of three hundred and thirty-three, *and forty-seven Councils were fully represented!* This is the model jurisdiction of the Cryptic Rite surely. All praise to the Michiganders.

We are glad to note that our Representative from California, Comp. WILLIAM P. INNES was present.

We have read the proceedings of this Grand Council with feelings of admiration and delight. They are sweet and good like the water of a mountain spring flowing from the rocks. There is no wish expressed by any one desiring to be put to the dry-breast of a horse-mason to receive nourishment; though *leche de burra* is sometime given to the feeble, who are of that nature and want to hang on the the teat of anything that will give milk and have never been fully weaned.

The Address of the Grand Master is a large BAGG full of good things. In speaking of the Cryptic Rite in his State, he says:—

"The past year has been one of peace and harmony in our beloved jurisdiction. No appeals or complaints have been presented to me, in my official capacity. The Cryptic Art has prospered well in all of its sublime workings. No vexed or vexatious questions have arisen in our intercourse with sister jurisdictions. No voice of dissatisfaction has come up from the workmen, to interrupt or mar the general harmony, and all our undertakings have been crowned with success, as will appear from the different reports made to me by the Illustrious Companions I appointed to visit and inspect the subordinate Councils during the year."

In speaking of our Honored Dead, he says:—

"OUR HONORED DEAD.

"Since we last assembled the 'Grim Reaper' has been abroad: 'a tall Cedar of Lebanon among the trees of the forest' has fallen, Illustrious Brother ALBERT PIKE, *M.·. P.·.* Sovereign Grand Commander of the

Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction and also a P. M. I. G. M., is no more. Never again from his fertile pen will flow those burning words of imagery and wisdom which, for over half a century, have endeared him to every Masonic hearth-stone.

" 'So he stood in his integrity, just and firm of purpose,
Aiding many, fearing none; a spectacle to angels and to men;
Yea, when the shattered globe shall rock in throes of dissolution,
Still will he stand in his integrity, sublime—an honest man.'

" In our own jurisdiction the dark vulture has swooped down in our midst, bearing away in his clammy beak three of our brightest jewels. The first to depart was the genial and brilliant A. I. SAWYER, P. G. P. C. of W. of this Grand Council, and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan. After a painful and lingering illness, which he bore with true Masonic fortitude, he was laid away to rest in the peaceful and classic shades of his home in sleepy old Monroe. Farewell, dear friend and Companion, when shall we meet your like again!

"The last but not least to leave this vale of tears for a life of immortality, was our venerable and most respected Illustrious Companion EBENEZER SPRAGUE, also a P. M. I. G. M. of this Grand Council, and a Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of this State, who after a well-spent life laboring in our Masonic vineyard, and weighed down by the frosts of over four score years, succumbed, and at the beck of the angel of death, flew away to a brighter and more glorious clime. He died at Grand Rapids, in that Home reared for such as he by fraternal hands, whose greatest boast will ever be that 'they loved their fellow-man.'"

The Committee on Obituary in speaking of *Ill.·.* Comp. ALBERT PIKE pay the following just tribute to his memory:—

" He was a lawyer by profession, but was also soldier, past and eminent priest, and his works are the highest monument that can be erected to his world-wide reputation.

" As a Masonic author and writer he had no equal. He was a kindly and lovable man, his countenance always beaming with a benignant expression that made you feel easy in his presence, and he brought you to him with the four-fold cord of brotherly love, inspiring confidence and making you feel entirely at home. He was truly a kind man, and in all his life, conduct and actions he practiced and exemplified the noblest ideal of what a true and honest man and Freemason should be. Lofty and pure of character, brilliant in intellect, rich in culture and overflowing with human kindness. Our brother has gone to that 'bourne whence no traveler returns,' and however keenly we may feel his loss, our reason teaches us that death is as natural as birth, and as certainly the result of infinite wisdom. And when the sun of our lives approaches the western horizon, and one after another of the ties which bind us to life are sundered; when memory brings the light of other days around us, there still looms up in the mists and shadows of the past, the once familiar face and we seem to hear again the loved voice. Of our brother, it can with truth be said, he was a gentleman of the old school—so gracious was his urbanity, so suave his courtesy and so considerate his nature. His accomplishments were truly wonderful, and his memory extraordinarily retentive; and it can truly be said of him that 'his memory was a natural hive for learning, and he stored and filled it up with the busy industry and cunning architecture of the bee.'"

" Speech cannot contain our love—
There was, there is, no gentler, stronger, manlier man."

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE, the Grand Recorder. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Councils, including California for 1891. Our last year's proceedings have evidently not reached him, and in referring to Comp. CASWELL'S Report for that year he says:—

"Michigan not being noticed, we conclude, as usual, that our report was not received, but they were *duly mailed*. 'Presume that blundering old Uncle is at fault again.'"

We are very sorry that we have not his report for 1893 to examine, for 'tis said

The Companion in Detroit is very adroit,
And oh, we would wish again to be in Michigan!

Well, we were there last summer, and the only NOBLE we met was Comp. HUGH MCCURDY and Comp. BROWNELL of the *American Tyler*.

How would it do to construct inverted arches, and have a ship canal across Michigan from Detroit to Lake Michigan direct? Think of it.

Comp. HORACE C. HATCH, of Detroit, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

The twenty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Temple, Minneapolis, on Monday, October 10th, A. D. 1892, A. Dep. 2892, commencing at two o'clock P. M.

Comp. WILLIAM G. TEN BROOK, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are nine Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of seven hundred and forty-three, being a gain of only seventeen during the past year. Ahishar must have been asleep or abandoned his post for a season at least. Five Councils were represented.

Comp. WILLIAM A. SPAULDING our Representative from California, was present.

The Grand Master's Address occupies four and a half pages of the proceedings, from which we take the following extracts:—

"*Companions*—It has been nearly twenty-two years since the Convention was held which organized this Grand Body, and I see before me but two Companions who were present at that meeting, Comp. W. S. COMBS and Comp. J. C. TERRY. Of the three Councils represented at that meeting one has succumbed to circumstances, over which it had no control, but which its members did not try to control. It died a natural death and died young. At the tenth Annual Assembly there were four Councils represented; at the twentieth Annual Assembly there were five Councils represented; to-day, at our twenty-third Annual Assembly, there should be nine Councils represented. The growth has been slow and at times nearly discouraging. In 1872 we had one hundred and thirty-two members. In 1891 we had seven hundred and twenty-six members, and this year we have seven hundred and forty-three members. It is to be hoped that the dark days are now passed, and that as more Masons become acquainted with the

beauties of the Cryptic Rite, there will be enthusiasm enough to more than counter-balance the lethargy of the 'Ahishars' among us.

"During the year fifty-eight Companions have 'passed the circle,' four were restored, two joined, fifteen withdrawn, four suspended and expelled, fourteen stricken from the roll, fourteen died; leaving a net gain of seventeen. Five Councils report work and four Councils report no work done. Companions, this is not as it should be. We all know that a Companion who goes from the Chapter to Commandery, and skips the Council Degrees, has not received the Masonic light which he should have received. Masonic work is the search after truth, and truth is not truth without the whole truth. While I would like to see the Council Degrees made prerequisite to the Commandery, and believe they should be made so, still I think the Council can exist, and do much good, even if they are not. But the officers, unaided and alone, cannot accomplish much. They must have the aid and support of every member. If the Councils will hold their meetings regularly, and each member make it a point to attend even at some little inconvenience to himself, you will surely do some work. If you will take the same interest in your Council that you do in your Commanderies, and try as hard, or even half as hard, to interest your Chapter members in the Council as you do in the Commandery, your Councils will grow, even without prerequisition."

It is the same old whine about making the Cryptic Rite prerequisite to the Templar Order to make it a success, and it is this hopeless idea which is keeping the Cryptic Rite back. Read the old fable again about the farmer and the larks in the cutting of the wheat, and stand up like men at your work and not have a cotton string for your vertebra with a few ribs and bones tied to it.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY who is also Grand Recorder, who ably reviews the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils covering thirty-seven pages. As Grand Recorder he is poorly paid, only receiving sixty-seven hundredths of one cent from each Companion in that jurisdiction.

Let the Cryptic Rite pay its Grand Recorders well for their labor; let the Reports on Correspondence be full of interesting matter and liberally printed and distributed among the members that they may be able to read for themselves, and there will be no more whining about prerequisition for something else, foreign to its own nature. "And when Rachael saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachael envied her sister and said unto Jacob: Give me children, or else I die. And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachael and he said: Am I in GOD'S stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? And she said, my maid Bilhah, go in unto her, and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her." There are too many Rachael's in the Rite that want to have young ones by somebody else, and the only thing they do is to worry Jacob while they are unable to breed.

Comp. MONTGOMERY quotes liberally from our report of last year which we take as a compliment to our jurisdiction as well as to ourself.

Comp. CHARLES D. BOYCE, of Minneapolis, was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY re-elected Grand Recorder. THOMAS, make them pay you better next time. "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

MISSISSIPPI.

The twenty-third Annual Assembly of THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, was held in the Asylum of *Magnolia* Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, in the city of Vicksburg, on Wednesday, February 10th, A. D. 1892, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M.

Comp. FREDERICK SPEED, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. J. L. POWER keeping the minutes of the work.

There are seven Councils with a membership of two hundred and thirty-five in this jurisdiction.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

California is not its peer according to its opinion, hence there is no representation at either of these high Masonic Courts. If Ahishar can sleep heavier and snore louder and they are more Royal and Select down among the cane breaks of the Mississippi, all right. We are reminded of a portion of a speech delivered by a fellow at Sacramento, in October, 1849, upon the ratification of the first Constitution of California. Our late Bro. E. J. C. KEWEN, the most flowery orator who ever came to this Golden State and who had a perfect diarrhea of language and could run a conservatory in oratory in sluices, had delivered his first effort, which was to have closed the meeting. But he left the minds of the crowd suspended in the top-most heaven, and the people were spell bound and would not leave. Calls were made for certain other well-known speakers but none responded. Finally they sung out "*Anybody!*" A rough looking fellow with his blankets and just in from the mines, stepped upon the platform and commenced to speak. Everybody cried out "Your name," give us your name? To which he replied, "My name is held the most near and dear to the hearts of the American people!" "What is that?" several inquired, He answered *John Smith!*" "*Oh! Oh! Oh!* returned the crowd." But in manner and tone he far out shone Bro. KEWEN, and continued. "This is a great and a growing country and the American Eagle has flewed over it. Haven't we got the Great Massissippi River and the Great Mammoth Cave of Kentucky! In half an hour's time we can turn the Massissippi River into the Cave of Kentucky, then whar's your shipping? They will be floundering like porpoises at low tide!" It was a sublime burlesque and relieved the strain on the people from the perilous condition in which Bro. KEWEN had left them in the upper Secret Vault and they were glad to be let down to the level of the plain common earth among their peers, with "all the world and the rest of mankind."

What the condition of the Grand Council of Mississippi would be, in case the "Great River" happened to be turned into the Great Secret Vault of the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, can only be conjectured. It certainly would be left without a peer, and the isolation now self-imposed would be complete.

The Grand Master's Address is admirable in many particulars and we concur with him in the main.

From it we take the following extracts:—

"Do not imagine that because a man has submitted himself to the ceremonies of the Lodge and Chapter that necessarily he has the mental and moral qualifications which fit him to penetrate the Secret Vault; remember that it was not unto the seventy thousand Entered Apprentices, nor to the eighty thousand Fellow Crafts, nor even unto the three thousand and three hundred Masters that the Royal Secret was communicated, but only to less than a tenth of the Masters was it known. If only those are admitted who value and appreciate Freemasonry because it tends to promote GOD'S great design in making the world, and because it teaches that the appointed action of life is the greater training of Providence; that every thing which man is put to do, if rightfully and faithfully done is pleasing to Him, and that it is only by neglect and non-performance of the tasks which He has given him to do, by wandering into idle dissapation, by defiling the beneficent and lofty spirit of his nature, that he degrades and drags down from his high estate the noblest of GOD'S creatures when he indulges in selfishness, self-indulgence, wrong-doing, vice, forgetting the brother who needs his advice and assistance or scoffs at GOD'S Providence. We need not fear that Royal and Select Masonry is on its decline if at any time the entrances to our sanctuaries are not crowded with a teeming throng jostling each other to gain admission. The one true, upright man who is capable of receiving the true inspiration of Masonry is worth more to it than a score of the unappreciative and indifferent. Select, then, from the masses only those who are most worthy, and say to them that the consummation of the Fellow Craft degree is only to be found in the Royal Master's, and that the Holy Royal Arch is only to be understood by those who have penetrated into the mystery made known to the Select Master."

He pays the following just tribute to the memory of our noble dead:—

"There fell in the city of Washington, on the second day of April last, one of the grandest columns of the Masonic edifice, a pillar of strength, and wisdom, a mighty man and a Prince in our Masonic Israel—ALBERT PIKE,—whose name was known throughout the Masonic world; whose learning extended over vast fields of knowledge, and who through long years of unremitting toil has made Freemasonry respected and honored by scholars and philanthropists, as a science worthy of the labors and zeal of intelligent and thoughtful men—having a literature unequaled by any other merely human organization. In labors more abundant than any Freemason who has ever lived, his name and fame will live so long as Freemasonry itself shall last.

"On the twentieth day of March last, death came with terrible suddenness and smote one who was greatly beloved by American Freemasons, and whose fame had extended into other lands, ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, and Past General High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. A man with singularly attractive personal qualities, a wise and accomplished Freemason, whose extensive learning and great capabilities had for many years been at the command of the brethren in all the fields of Masonic labor, his loss was a sad one not only to our Massachusetts Companions, but to all the Craft universal.

"One of my first Masonic acquaintances was a man who even then was venerable with years, IRA BERRY, who for nearly two score years served the Grand Bodies of Maine with singular fidelity and zeal as their Grand Secretary, entered into the joys of his reward on the twentieth day of September last. I paid my respects to him two years ago at his office, in Portland, and found that he still continued the same genial and cheerful

old man that he was when I first knew him. He exhibited to me his record books, which, although written by a man eighty-eight years of age, were without a blot and as clear as copper-plate, emblematical of the man who throughout all his long years of usefulness, exhibited a character free from blot or stain. Unassuming in his manners, genial and cheerful in his nature, possessing exquisite tastes and sympathies, his heart never seemed to grow old. Verily he fulfilled the saying of the Prophet, 'Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in its season.'"

Comp. FREDERICK SPEED was re-elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. J. L. POWER re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri held its Twenty-seventh Annual Assembly in Freemason's Hall, St. Louis, on Wednesday, April 27th, A. D. 1892, commencing at two o'clock P. M.

Comp. THOMAS SEAL, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eight Councils, with a membership of three hundred and fifteen (a gain of eighty the past year, or 25 per cent.) belonging to this jurisdiction, five of which were duly represented. California has no representative, either to or from this Grand Council. Why is this thusly? Are they afraid that the grizzly of California will eat up the black bear of Missouri if they come together? If not, *pro pelle cutem*.

The Address of the Grand Master is very brief, as his jurisdiction is small, and only covers three pages. He speaks encouragingly of the growth of the Cryptic Rite in his State, but does not even hint that the candidates for the Templar Order should be required to pass through our "cellar," as some have termed it.

One dispensation to form a new Council at Kansas City with thirty-two Companions was issued on January 22d, 1892, to be known as "*Shekinah* Council." It was set to work one week thereafter by *M.·. I.·.* Comp. ALLAN MCDOWELL, assisted by *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, and the Grand Master speaks encouragingly of it as follows:—

"Companions, as this is the first dispensation granted for the forming of a new Council since the year 1883, at which time M.·. Ill.·. Comp. W. G. HALL was Grand Master, we feel proud of the honor, and we have the most flattering reports from *Shekinah* Council. I am informed by good authority that there are ninety members, and fifteen more elected, and it bids fair to become the banner Council of the State. Well done, *Shekinah* Council. We wish you prosperity. Let the good work go on.

"April 1st, 1892. I granted a dispensation to *Shekinah* Council to receive and act upon the petition of a Companion for the degrees at a Special Assembly, also on the same date a dispensation for them to move into a new hall."

Those Companions will now be firm ashlars in the Secret Vault, and will be more strongly cemented together. Hair will hold the mortar together. Feathers wouldn't.

He pays full tribute to the memory of Past Grand Masters WILLIAM

RIDGWAY PERRICK and HENRY C. CHRISTOPHER, who had died during the past year.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp, WILLIAM H. MAYO, in which he briefly reviews twenty-nine jurisdictions, the report covering only eighteen pages. Cause of brevity, lack of funds. We are very sorry for this, for one of Comp. MAYO's stamp, spirit and ability ought not to be cramped.

We, however, extract the following from the beginning and the close of the report, that our Companions may see how successful he is in making both ends meet:—

"It is quite interesting to note the general improvement, advancement and increase in the Rite throughout the country. As the Masonic Fraternity becomes more liberal, better educated, in fact, the more imbued they become with the true principles of Freemasonry, the more they will seek and appreciate the beauties of the Cryptic Rite. As will be seen at a glance, in our statistical table, we have separated the jurisdictions who do not acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Council. Less than one-third of the States hold out yet, but from indications, correspondence and associations, we feel confident that it will not be many years before all Grand Jurisdictions will become a part of the General Grand Body, thereby exemplifying the great Masonic lesson, 'behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.'

"We have spread this report out just a little more than our instructions or Grand Council funds warrant, but we found in reading the pamphlets from the different States, so much of animation, so much of interest and instruction that we felt like letting the few earnest workers in the S.·. V.·. here in Missouri know what was going on elsewhere so they might be encouraged to keep at work cheerfully, for it will not be long until we have an awakening and an arousing of the sleeping Companions, and Grand Old Missouri will be up shoulder to shoulder in Cryptic as well as she is in Capitular and Knight Templar Masonry with our neighboring Grand Jurisdictions.

"We have separated both in our statistical table and our review the Grand Jurisdictions who do not, from those who do, own allegiance to the General Grand Council, and we again call upon the Grand Masters and Correspondents of these States to show in some good, consistent, logical manner if they can, why they are thus separated.

"A better feeling exists among the workmen in the S.·. V.·. everywhere, broader views, more tolerant notions, true Masonic sentiment is becoming more prevalent, and should this state of facts continue in the same proportion for the next few years as it has been growing the past few years, it will not be a very distant day when we will be all united in trying to see who can best work and best agree in the good work of making ourselves and those around us better men, better citizens and better Masons.

"So mote it be."

Comp. ULRICH SCHNEIDER of St. Joseph was elected Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The thirtieth Annual Assembly of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Hampshire, was held at Freemasons' Hall in the city of Concord, on Monday, March 18th, A. D. 1891, Anno Dep. 2891.

Comp. JOSHUA W. HUNT, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp.

GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eleven Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of eleven hundred and twenty seven, an increase of eighty-seven over the previous year. All of the Councils were represented. Good for the "Old Granite State." California's Representative, Comp. JOHN F. MAYNARD, was not present. We will have to square that *Mainyard* again.

The Address of the Grand Master covers two pages only, but though brief is a cheerful, hopeful and fraternal one, and shows the faithful officer and working Companion. It does not even contain a hint of a desire to make the Cryptic Rite prerequisite to become a "horse-mason," or plumed Masonic cavalry on foot.

He says:—

"*Companions of the Grand Council:*

"Time with its resistless force, like the current of a mighty river, has brought us to the time fixed by the Constitution for our annual assembly, and I bid you welcome. We have advanced another step upon life's journey, and another year with its varied experiences has been relegated to the history of the past. Let us reverently thank GOD, the father of us all, that the hand of the angel, Death, has been stayed for a season; that to none of our number has come the summons to pass through the gate of death, and that so many of us are permitted once more to assemble about the altar of Freemasonry, to exchange fraternal greetings, review the past, and counsel together for the future good of our Rite.

"The past year has been an uneventful although a prosperous one, and my official duties have been very light.

"There have been no dissensions, no discords, no decisions, and if there are any grievances they have not come to my knowledge. No curious intruder has found his way in our midst, to disturb the harmony that has prevailed for so long a time among us. The increase in membership has been quite large, more so than the average, and, as we believe, good material has been selected.

"I desire to express my appreciation of the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me wherever I have visited.

"In retiring from office and returning to you the jewel with which you so kindly invested me two years ago, I do not propose to retire from an active interest in the affairs of this grand body, and I desire to labor with you, and as one of you, in the great work in which we are engaged."

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder, and covers thirty-six pages, is well written and accompanied with admirable selections. He gives to California a page and a-half and due credit to Comp. CASWELL, who was Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence and wrote the report in 1891.

Comp. GEORGE H. EVERETT, of Laconia, was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master; Comp. JAMES C. BADGER, Deputy Grand Master; Comp. NATHAN P. HUNT, Principal Conductor of the Works, and Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES re-elected Grand Recorder, which is the strongest combination we have ever read of.

Everett a Badger on a Hunt! It makes the flesh *cleave* from the bones to think of it. The stone age must have been revived in the "Old Granite State," but nevertheless success to the Crypts in the Kearsarge Mountain.

NEW JERSEY.

The thirty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey, was held at Masonic Hall, Trenton, on Tuesday, January 26th, A. D. 1892, A. Dep. 2892.

Comp. LEWIS G. DAWSON, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are seven Councils, with a membership of four hundred and eight in this jurisdiction, being an increase of only five during the past year. Representatives from all these Councils were represented.

We are pleased to note that Comp. JOHN M. KNAPP, our Representative from California, was present.

The Grand Master's Address is a pleasing one, and in it he congratulates his Grand Council that he is "spared the sad task of recording the death of any member of the Grand Council." And he also says:—

"I regret that the accessions to membership in our Subordinate Councils are not greater. Our forms and ceremonies are beautifully impressive and appeal touchingly to the better nature of mankind. They bring to light much that is useful and instructive, and gild the Masonic superstructure with ideal grandeur. The laborers in the Secret Vault are faithfully rewarded in the search for light and the typical illustrations that are presented to noviates, appeal strongly to their finer sensibilities and lead them to a brighter and more hopeful appreciation of the gifts granted us by our Supreme Grand Master. That more of the Masonic Community should have the light of faith beaming on them should be our constant aim. Each of us is called to fill some particular niche in this world of ours —let us so endeavor to fill it that it may be acceptable to all. Always remember we are not living for ourselves, but the good words and deeds that we do shall live after us, and cast their reflection upon those who occupy the space now allotted to us. Our responsibilities are great; let us hope that our reward shall be that which is given to the faithful craftsman."

"Apples of gold in pictures of silver are words fitly spoken" says our Grand Master King Solomon, and Grand Master DAWSON is a first-class artist in his line. There is not a hint of "prerequisition" in his whole address; and he seems to have a kindly heart as well as a level head. "Spain" is to be congratulated in having such material within her borders.

There is no Report on Correspondence, there being no committee appointed.

Comp. JOSEPH ASHTON Jr.. was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL re-elected Grand Recorder.

The thirty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey was held at Masonic Hall, Trenton, on Tuesday, January 24th, A. D. 1893, A. D. 2893.

Comp. JOSEPH ASHTON Jr., *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and

Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The seven Councils of this jurisdiction, with a membership of four hundred and twenty-seven (being a gain of nineteen over the previous year), were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master was brief, only occupying a page and a half.

He says:—

"During the past year, as in the previous year, there have been no deaths of members of this Grand Council, and to Him, whom we adore as our Supreme Grand Master, we return thanks for his mercy unto us.

"My official duties have been light and limited, no questions of Cryptic law or jurisprudence requiring an official decision have been brought before me for consideration."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Comp. JOHN A. PARKER was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York convened in its eighty-third Annual Assembly in the Grand Council Room, Masonic Hall, corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third street, New York City, on Tuesday, September 6th, 1892, Anno Dep. 2892, at ten o'clock A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. ALEXANDER B. KING, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE VAN VLIET, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twenty-six Councils, with a membership of 3,347 Companions, in this Grand Jurisdiction, being a net increase of two hundred and twenty-six during the past year. Twenty-five Councils were represented.

Grand Master KING delivered an admirable Address from which we take the following extracts as especially worthy of attention:—

"The Cryptic Rite is now firmly established; all the vexed questions of the past, with the exception of this, have been settled and disposed of, leaving us more firmly united and better prepared for more determined and aggressive action. That we have failed heretofore in obtaining from the Grand Encampment that recognition to which we are justly entitled, as a part of the American system of Masonry, a continuous Order of degrees prerequisite to Knightly honors, should be no cause for discouragement, but should be an incentive to greater activity and exertion on our part, and should stimulate us to the extent of our individual and united capacity to strive for the attainment of this end. Petitions, remonstrances and resolutions in the past have all failed in effecting the desired result. Let us now adopt some other method to accomplish this end. While I should be rejoiced to see Cryptic Masonry assigned its proper position before the world, still I do not believe that its future stability, life, prosperity and usefulness, depends upon its recognition by the Grand Encampment. There is inherent merit enough in Cryptic Masonry to enable it to exist and prosper independent of that body. It has so done in the past, and I believe its future success and prosperity will depend not so much

upon that recognition as upon the personal character, enthusiasm, intelligence, loyalty and devotion of its members.

"What we want is work, enthusiasm and energetic action. There is no room for drones within our Crypt. Each one should be ever ready to do his part. The Degrees of Royal and Select Master have not in the past received that consideration and attention which their importance deserved.

"When properly confined they are more impressive and beautiful than any that have preceded them. It matters not how beautiful the design or how happy the conception of our Rite, hard persistive and energetic work are the only conditions that will insure a successful consummation.

"As this, no doubt, will be my last opportunity of addressing you from the East, I trust you will pardon me for giving you a few parting words of counsel and admonition. Companions, in the fraternal spirit of all that is essential to the well-being of our Rite, let me urge you, and through you the Companions of the Councils you represent, to study well the principles, the truths and the great moral lessons taught in the Cryptic Rite. Make yourselves familiar with its Ritual, proficient in its forms and ceremonies, for the better you understand its teachings and the more familiar you are with the work, the greater will be your zeal and love for the Rite.

"In the selection of officers you cannot be too careful; so much depends upon them that I cannot help urging you to elect no Companion to an important position unless he is capable of filling it and is in possession of the ability to make the assemblies attractive and the ceremonies interesting. More Councils have become indifferent and dormant through incompetent officers than by any other cause. If any are found sleeping at their posts put them aside, and appoint others to the work. See that your Council Chambers are properly arranged and supplied with suitable furniture and paraphernalia. Be careful in the selection of material. One good earnest and faithful worker who knocks at your door because he loves the institution and is in search of all the light attainable, will be worth more to your Council than a score who come because the degrees were made prerequisite. Be punctual in your attendance at every assembly of your Council, go not as an idle looker on while others bear the burden, but qualify yourselves and go prepared to do your part in any position assigned you. If the Companions of our subordinate Councils will give heed to these things, their Councils will not languish for want of interest, or their officers complain of the lack of work."

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Comp. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY and occupies sixty-four pages of well written and selected matter, of which one-eighth is devoted to California for the years 1891 and 1892. He quotes largely from our report of last year, with some of its facetia that was used for corking (or caulking), or filling in, as we had been suddenly pressed into the service of reviewer.

He says:—

"Comp. SHERMAN may get ready to fire another champagne cork, letting us know the time, and we'll be on time to dodge the cork and take the contents of the bottle, that is a fair portion, he taking his ration and calling in Comp. CASWELL to assist us."

To which we reply when we do, it will not be "bottled headache."

In reply to our question: "Is it customary in this jurisdiction for a Companion to have more than one family, 'immediate' and otherwise?" He says:—

"That such is not the custom in this jurisdiction; we understand that it is only customary where one leaves his family in this jurisdiction and removes over to the Pacific Coast, for instance, in the State with the golden sands, where they often have an 'immediate' family with them and a *remote* family in their former home."

Never having resided in the "Empire State" and having had no family encumbrances at the close of the Mexican war, from which we had just returned, and arriving in California in May, 1849, we were then fortunate in our state of "single blessedness" in the wilderness. How many "Knickerbocker" Companions were guilty of desertion of families at home and playing the Mormon in California we have no means of knowing. Comp. OSGOODBY how many families on your roll are being supplied at home? Please send us the list and we will post it up in our Secret Vault, for the information of our Companions generally.

He quotes the following remarks we made last year:—

"Open the Councils of Royal and Select Masters to members of the Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite, as well as to those of the Royal Arch Chapter of the American Rite, and you will find no difficulty in getting plenty of good workmen from Gebal, who will quickly recognize their own.

"Why not make the connection between the two rites, on the neutral ground in the Councils of Royal and Select Masters, instead of having them unite by being stuck together at the top in the gum arabic adhesion of that parasite of buffoonery known as the 'Mystic Shrine,' which crowns the pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, with the caps and bells of the harlequin, the clown and the fool."

He makes the following comment upon the above question:—

"This suggestion of Companion SHERMAN that the Councils of Royal and Select Masters should be open to members of the Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite, is one which we never had brought to our attention before. It is worthy of serious consideration and we hope that our Companions in the corps of the reviewers, particularly, will take up this subject and examine it thoroughly and give their views upon the suggestion. As we have but just received a copy of these Proceedings, as our report is going to press, we have not had time to give it that consideration which we would desire to do and which its importance and intrinsic value demands, but we shall examine this subject between the present Assembly and the one of 1893, and be ready to express ourselves fully thereon. We repeat, that this suggestion is worthy of attention and study. It would, undoubtedly, result in the rapid advancement of Cryptic Masonry and in the building up of the Councils of the Rite, both Grand and Subordinate, in the different Jurisdictions; and in the weaker jurisdictions an impetus would be given to its advancement that would render the Bodies, not only strong and healthy, but progressive and aggressive.

"Companion SHERMAN is entitled to a Mark of Merit for his suggestion. It is rare that a suggestion of this importance comes from a beginner in the work of reviewing Cryptic Masonry and the proceedings of the Bodies which are its exponents, It establishes, however, that Companion SHERMAN has given much thought to the subject of Cryptic Masonry and to the means which should be invoked for its healthy advancement"

Since we first gave expression to this opinion we have more than ever become convinced that it is both politic and just to make every regular

Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Mason of the Fourteenth Degree of the A. and A. S. Rite eligible to receive the Council Degrees throughout the United States, as he was prior to the relinquishment of these degrees by the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction in May, 1870, in whose bosom they had been retained from the time they were first deposited or continued from their origin in the Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, which also embraced the Lodge of Perfection in its government and control, and it would be restoring, in part, that which had been unlawfully appropriated and carried away. Every Fourteenth Degree Mason of the Scottish Rite is also a Royal Arch Mason of the Royal Arch of Solomon, of the first Temple, the first regular Royal Arch Degree; while the Dermoth, Dunckerly and Webb Royal Arch Degree of the Chapter is the Royal Arch of Zerubbabel of the second Temple, both being regular, but with different history, legend and ceremony and not conflicting with each other; while there would be no violation of obligation in conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master upon a Thirteenth or Fourteenth Degree Mason. There need be no change in the form of obligation. It may stand as it is. The ritual would only have to be restored to its original condition before it was twisted and distorted to fit the work of the American Royal Arch Chapter, to piece out that system and make it "Perfection;" and it seems to us, that if the General Grand Council would appoint a proper, intelligent committee and inviting the independent State Grand Councils to appoint like committees, composed of unbiased Companions, who belong to both Rites, that a plan could be agreed upon by which Royal Arch Masons of both Rites might mutually be eligible for the Council Degrees.

The mistake of the "Mississippi Plan" was to inject the "Cryptic Rite" as a "Merger" in the American Royal Arch Chapter, where it would be out of place, and just as unwise and inconsistent to make it prerequisite to receiving the Chivalric Order of American Knights Templar. It is equally a misfit to either, and as *Ill.·.* Comp. SPEED, Grand Master of Mississippi says:—

"Our own degrees originated in the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and we, ourselves, receive them by transmission from the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and was but a return to first principles when we sought to preserve and protect them against possible loss within the bosom of a stronger body of Masonry."

Hence this very fact, as we have asserted and confirmed by *Ill.* Comp. SPEED as to the origin of these degrees and where they rightfully belong, and we may rest assured that just so long as there are intelligent scholars and students of Masonic history to be found in the Supreme Councils of both the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions, who have officered and shall continue to officer and be members of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, and as *Ill.·.* Comp. DRUMMOND of Maine, has expressed it, that Sovereign Body "will never consent to narrow the approach to the Order of the Temple by requiring its applicants

to receive the Cryptic Degrees." In other words, to speak the plain truth, they know the true history of them; that they are side degrees of the Lodge of Perfection of the A. and A. S. Rite, which has the true legend and ceremonies of the Secret Vault in all their purity and originality, and different from the secondary one, which was to conceal the object and purpose of the House of the Stuarts, as we have already described in our review of Illinois and as emasculated and shorn, so as to be fitted to complete another system, after being without authority appropriated and carried away, and depriving the rightful owners of the enjoyment of their property, attaching it to one thing and trying to hook it on to another, which has no use for it, wont have it, and thus, while rejecting it, causes it to be depreciated even by those who are its best friends. Restore it in part, as least, as we have said to its original owners, by making the Cryptic Rite open to the members of both the Chapter and Lodge of Perfection, and there will be double pillars to support the arches and it will surely prosper and stand solidly upon its own foundations.

Comp. OSGOODBY, we are glad to find one at least who deems this matter worthy of consideration, and we most cordially and fraternally welcome your help to its encouragement and support.

Comp. ALEXANDER B. KING was re-elected Grand Master and Comp. GEORGE VAN VLIET re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Ohio held its sixty-second Annual Assembly in Gold Hall at Zanesville, at nine o'clock A. M. on Tuesday, September 27th, 1892.

Comp. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are forty-nine Councils, with a membership of 3,408, in this jurisdiction, being a gain of one hundred and seventy during the past year. *Forty-eight* Councils were represented, being every chartered Council in the State, which speaks well for our "Buckeye" Companions. Comp. ARTHUR P. CRANE, our Representative from California, was also present.

The Grand Master's Address is a thorough business-like document and not a mere perfunctory paper adorned with meaningless "glittering generalities." His trestle board is full of good work laid out and honestly performed in every department as the following extracts will show:—

"SUPERVISION.

"October 24th, I addressed to each Thrice Illustrious Master a letter, asking answers to the following questions, viz.?

"1. What are your Stated Assembly nights?
"2. How many Stated Assemblies have you had during the year 1891?
"3. How many Special Assemblies?
"4. How many members in good standing have you on your roll?
"5. How many under sentence of suspension?
"6. For what cause?

"7. How many members in good standing are in arrears for one year's dues.
"8-10. How many for two years? Three years? Four years and over?
" 11. What is your average attendance?
" 12. How much money is in your treasury?
" 13. Is your Council in debt? If so, how much?
" 14. How many Masons in your jurisdiction are elgible to the Council Degrees who have not yet received them?

"No answers have been received from Councils Nos. 9, 14, 30 and 54. From the reports made to me I find the Councils as a whole in a prosperous condition. Four only were reported in debt, and three of these in an insignificant amount. The attendance was reported as fair, and the interest manifested in the Cryptic Rite as encouraging. *Kilwinning*, No. 52, reported an average attendance of *seven* or *eight*. This report was received September 4th, 1892, and, being so near the time of meeting of the Grand Council, I took no further action than to prohibit meetings of the Council unless a constitutional number be present. I now leave the subject to your consideration.

"I was surprised at the number of Councils carrying members on their rolls as in good standing, although in arrears for dues two, three or four or more years. In each instance I directed the Thrice Illustrious Master to read and be governed by section nine (9), Article two (2), of the Constitution. This section says: 'It shall be the imperative duty of the Thrice Illustrious Master to order the Recorder to enter 'suspended' all members who shall be in arrears for dues for six months after the time fixed for the payment.' The language of the statute is plain, unmistakable and emphatic, allowing no discretion whatever to the presiding officer and should receive the obedient attention of all.

"I have tabulated the replies received from the several Councils, and present them for your consideration."

In speaking of that Grand Old Veteran Recorder, Comp. JOHN D. CALDWELL, he says:—

"The Companions of the Grand Council, as well as the entire membership of the Cryptic Rite, are under additional obligations to our veteran Grand Recorder, JOHN D. CALDWELL, now completing his forty-second year as such officer, for the valuable historical paper he has prepared, furnishing us with a concise record of the Grand Council from its inception in 1830, to the present time; so arranged by years that one can refer in a moment to important legislation, and furnishing a list of many of the distinguished Companions of our State.

"I recommend that the paper be printed with our present printed Proceedings."

As this paper is so important and collateral, as well as direct evidence sustaining our position as to the origin and primal authority in the establishment of the Cryptic Rite in this country, we take the following therefrom:—

"Cryptic Masonry in Ohio. Sketch of its beginnings and progress Dedicated to the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, at its sixty-second annual assembly September 27th, 1892, at Zanesville, O. By Comp. JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Recorder from 1850 to 1892.

"*Ill.·.* JOHN BARKER, K. H. S. P. R. S., Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the 33d Degree and General Agent of the Supreme Council of the United States of America, at Charleston, S. C., having recently conducted the installation of officers of Grand Lodge of Perfection, at Natchez,

Mississippi, reached Cincinnati, and conferred the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters on Royal Arch Masons, whom he met at Masonic Hall, October 24th, 1827, and organized them as *Cincinnati* Council, No. 1, as per warrant, as follows:—

'Deus Meumque Fus.'

"*To all to whom these presents may come,*—GREETING:

"Know ye, That by the high powers in me vested by the Grand Constitutions of the Supreme Council of the thirty-third degree, and by Special Patent to me granted for that purpose, I do hereby authorize and empower the following Illustrious Companions, viz.: ROBERT PUNSHON, ROBERT T. LYTLE, JOSEPH JONAS, ARVA WILSON, WILLIAM WALLACE, JEDEDIAH BANKS, ELIAS DUDLEY, DAVID URNER, SAMUEL LOVEJOY, FRANCIS REED, AUGUSTUS D. ERICH, STEPHEN BURROWS and WILLIAM GREEN,—to form themselves into a just and legal Council of ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS by the name of *Cincinnati* Council, No. 1, to be holden at Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio; and I do hereby confirm and sanction their choice, and appointment of *Ill.·.* Comp. ROBERT PUNSHON, to be the first Thrice Illustrious Grand Master, *Ill.·.* Comp. ROBERT T. LYTLE to be the first *T.·. Ill.·.* Deputy Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JOSEPH JONAS, to be the first Prin. C. Work; and I do hereby empower the above named Illustrious Companions, and their successors to the Constitutional number, to assemble and open a legal Council, to confer the Degrees of Royal Master and Select Master; to admit members, and to do all other business appertaining to said degrees—conforming in all their doings to the By-Laws of their Council and the Rules and Regulations of Councils of Select Masters, for which purpose this shall be their sufficient warrant.

"Given under my hand and seal, at Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, this twenty-fourth day of October, A. D. 1827, and in the Y. D. 2827.

"JOHN BARKER, K. H. S. P. R. S.

"*Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d Degree, and General Agent of the Supreme Council of the U. S. A.*

"Continuous regular meetings of the Council resulted in advancing to the degrees these worthy Companion Royal Arch Masons, viz.: CALEB SCHMIDLAP, JOHN HEWSON, FREDERICK SCHMIDLAP, W. W. AUSTIN, ALEX POTTS, SOLOMON F. SISCO, SAMUEL REED, GEORGE STROWHUVER, THOS. T. BENBRIDGE, CLEMENT W. BURT, CHARLES B. CROUSE, ELAM P. LANGDON and ELMORE WILLIAMS.

"Comp. BARKER established Councils elsewhere in this State during the year 1827, and the early part of 1828.

"No 2 was at Steubenville. All its papers were lost by fire long since, at the burning of their lodge-room.

"No. 3, *Adoniram* Council, at Granville, Licking County. The authority given by Comp. JOHN BARKER, January 1, 1828, to form this Council was of the same form as that at Cincinnati; and those forming it as officers were Comps. A. P. PRITCHARD, *T.·. Ill.·. M.·.*; SYLVESTER SPELLMAN, Deputy *T.·. Ill.·. M.·.*; G. P. BANCROFT, Prin. C. Work. Also LUCIUS D. MOORE, SPENCER WRIGHT, L. S. THRALL, LEONIDAS HUMPHREY, SILVESTER HAYES, R. MARSH, RALPH GRANGER, and L. N. COOK.

" No. 4 at Lancaster. Their statistics have not been secured.

"No. 5 at Chillicothe. The history of this Council probably has perished.

" No. 1, Cincinnati, thus proceeded:

" 1828.—Advanced: JONATHAN BATES, JAMES C. FOSTER, WILLIS BRAGG, DANIEL T. EVANS, JOSEPH CONKLIN, JAMES ARMSTRONG, JOHN T. DRAKE, JAMES MCELROY. SIMON B. BISSELL, JOHN C. ELMORE, ROBERT PARKINSON, SENECA PALMER, WM. R. FOSTER.

"1829.—Advanced: JAMES OLIPHANT, ENION SINGER, ALLISON OWEN, J. JUNIUS JAMES, PETER BENSON, DAVID P. BENSON, THOS. H. YEATMAN, PETER GANDOLFO, CHARLES C. BEARD, JAMES HICKS, JR., JACOB STRADER, ELDRIDGE D. COLTON, VERE ROYCE, CHARLES C. PERRY, E. T. ROBERTS, FERDINAND SMITH, DANIEL F. MEADER, EDWIN A. AT LEE.

"1830.—Advanced: WM. B. SNYDER, HORACE WELLS, MOSES BROOKS, JOHN SATTERTHWAITE. The Council heartily seconded the proposition by N. C. Lodge, No. 1, to erect a Hall, suitable for Lodge, Chapter and Council; but that purpose was long delayed.

"GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF OHIO PROPOSED.

"1829, October 20.—*T.·. Ill.·.* Grand Puissant stated that it was desirable that a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters be formed for the benefit of the several Councils within the State of Ohio, which led to the presentation of the following preamble:

"Whereas, it appears that there are at this time five Councils of Royal and Select Masters established in the State of Ohio, and that it would be desirable that *a center* of *union* should exist among them; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That it is expedient for *Cincinnati* Council, No. 1, to appoint one delegate to attend a Convention to meet at Worthington, on the second Thursday of January, 1830, in order to form a Constitution for a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Ohio."

"Which was adopted.

"Comp. ROBERT PUNSHON was appointed that delegate.

"On motion, it was resolved unanimously that a Committee of two be appointed to confer with the other Councils of the State, urging them to appoint delegates to attend the same.

"Comp. JOSEPH JUNIUS JAMES and CLEMENT W. BURT were appointed that Committee.

"1830. CONVENTION OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTER MASONS.

"At a Convention of Royal and Select Master Masons, held at the town of Worthington, on Wednesday, the sixth day of January, A. D. 1830, Y. D. 2830, in compliance with a request of Cincinnati Council, No. 1, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of forming a Grand Conncil for the State of Ohio, the following Companions appeared, and took their seats as delegates, viz.: No. 1, ROBERT T. LYTLE, SAMUEL REED; No. 2, SAMUEL STOKELY; No. 3, JOHN W. MILLIGAN, LEONARD HUMPHREY; No. 4, JAMES GATES, WM. J. REESE; No. 5, JAMES MONTGOMERY. R. T. LYTLE in the Chair; W. J. REESE, Secretary.

"It was unanimously voted expedient to form a Grand Council. Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, and officers elected and installed, viz.: Gr. *Ill.·.* Puissant, ROBERT PUNSHON, Cincinnati; Dep. *Ill.·.* Puissant, SAMUEL STOKELY, Steubenville; Gr. *T.·. Ill.·.*, ANTHONY P. PRICHARD, Granville; Gr. Prin. C. Work, JAMES GATES, Lancaster; Gr. Capt. Guard, HENRY BRUSH, Chillicothe; Gr. Treasurer, ROBERT T. LYTLE, Cincinnati; Gr. Recorder, WM. JAMES REESE, Lancaster; Gr. Chaplain, Rev. PLEASANT THURMAN, Chillicothe; Gr. Sentinel, LEONARD HUMPHREY, Granville; Gr. Stewart, SAMUEL REED, Cincinnati.

"1831, 6th January.—Columbus, ROBERT PUNSHON, Gr. P. Comp.; WM. GWYNN, Deputy, Acting Gr. Puissant. Officers elected: Comps. ROBERT PUNSHON, Gr. P., Cincinnati; WM. GWYNN, Deputy, Steubenville; EDWARD KING, Gr. *T.·. Ill.·.*, Chillicothe; W. J. REESE, Gr. Prin. C. Work, Lancaster; ALLISON OWEN, Gr. Capt. Guard. Cincinnati; JOHN NOBLE, Gr. Treas., Lancaster; JAMES D. CALDWELL, Gr. Rec., Circleville; Rev. A. AT LEE, Gr. Chaplin, Cincinnati; WM. Y. EMMETT, Gr. Steward, Chillicothe; C. C. BEARD, Gr. Sentinel, Columbus. A Seal for the Grand Council was adopted at this session."

In 1852 a Special Committee was appointed to investigate the legitimacy of the Council Degrees. Comps. J. M. BARRERE, THOMAS ORR and JOHN MILLS were appointed (*twenty-five years after the Grand Council of Ohio was organized !*).

"1853.—Chillicothe. J. M. BARRERE, Gr. P. Grand Recorder read to Grand Council record of recent action of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at Lexington, Ky., which was referred to Comps. BARRERE, ORR and MILLS. Comp. ORR reported the letters and other information on the legitimacy of the Chapters conferring Royal and Select Master Degrees, obtained by Comps. CALDWELL and ORR in 1849, which appear again in these Proceedings. It found that Royal Arch Chapters had no authority; *that the degrees legitimately belong to the Consistories and Supreme Councils; and that a Committee be appointed to obtain authority from the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, United States, to confer them, as Ohio is within its Jurisdiction.* This Grand Council will sustain needed expenses.

"NOTE.— Nothing resulted directly; *but soon after the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, waived all control.*"

Here we have the confirmatory and additional proof of our statement and argument, and as Ohio was our Mother Grand Council of California Cryptic Masonry, this is especially interesting to the Companions of this Jurisdiction and the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States was the Mother of Ohio Cryptic Masonry, but BARKER invaded the territory of the Northern Supreme Council when he established it in Ohio as well as elsewhere, thus violating the rule of comity. That Supreme Council waiving all control soon after the year 1853, as the Southern Supreme Council did in its own Jurisdiction in 1870, the Grand Councils of the several States, as well as the General Grand Councils became sovereign and independent bodies; though the degrees of Royal and Select Masters were the issue of the handmaiden of the House of the Steuarts, and lodged within the bosom of its mother of the Southern Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite. But the degree of Select Master was revamped and worked over so as to adapt it to the American Royal Arch Degree, to give it a finish and call it "*Perfection.*" And instead of the cubical stone, with its plate of gold, and the WORD upon it being found as it was in the original degree, the Ark of the Covenant was substituted, the level and plumb were discarded and the three Grand Masters represented as wearing the same jewels which were mutually deposited.

Comp. JOSEPH B. COVERT, Gr. P. of Cincinnati at Steubenville in 1849, in closing his remarks, said:—

"Hoping that the kind and companionable intercourse which has so long characterized the deliberations of this Grand Body may long continue, I bid you an affectionate official farewell. And may that God who guided our Ancient Brethren to the Secret Vault, *which contained 'the chief corner-stone' on which is erected our beloved institution,* guide us all in that secret way which leads to glory and life everlasting."

We quote still further as to the question raised in regard to the legitimacy of the Cryptic Rite:—

"1864.—Cleveland. T. B. FISHER, G. M. Address of Grand Master FISHER was read by Deputy Grand Master CUNNINGHAM. Its version of the origin of the Council Degrees led him to assert that 'we have no right to them.' 'We have no legal right to our present organization."

"1865.—Columbus. W. M. CUNNINGHAM, G. M. Grand Master CUNNINGHAM, in his Address, reported result of information obtained by correspondence, and that, with one exception, Grand Councils are opposed to the abandonment. One Grand Master properly suggests, in objecting to this preliminary action of this Grand Council, that it ill comes from us who aided the erection of Councils in the West, now to urge them to abandon the Rite as illegitimate, *the two Supreme Councils of the United States having waived all jurisdiction which they originally held over them*. The letters of his correspondence are printed in the Proceedings. The report and documents were referred to Comps. THOMAS SPARROW, HOWARD MATTHEWS and F. J. PHILLIPS."

This history is invaluable and our Illustrious and Venerable Companion, JOHN D. CALDWELL, is deserving of the lasting gratitude of every true Royal and Select Master who believes that the Cryptic Rite should stand free and independent on its own foundation and relying upon its own merit and its intrinsic worth alone.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, and occupies fifty pages of well-written and selected solid matter, four of which are given to California in reviewing our Proceedings of 1891 and 1892.

He does not bid Comp. CASWELL adieu, but gives us a cordial welcome to the Corps of Reviewers, but says:—

"He speaks of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction A. and A. S. Rite as being the *natural* and *legal* mother of the *Cryptic Degrees*. Can he sustain this position proof? If so, we would like to see it."

This is the first time that we ever read of an individual questioning the legitimacy of his own birth, the virtue of his own mother that bore him, as well as her own lawful ancestry from which she sprang. We will turn him over to Comp. CALDWELL of his own Grand Council, who will again lead him through the Nine Arches, though it may not take him nine months to emerge from the Secret Vault a second time.

He also enquires "whether in our opinion there is a necessity for prerequisition in the case of the Royal Arch Degree?" We suppose he means the Royal Arch of Zerubbabel in the Royal Arch Chapter, to which we reply as follows:—

These degrees originally were only conferred upon those who had attained the Fourteenth Degree in the Lodge of Perfection, who had received the Royal Arch of Solomon in the Thirteenth Degree which is finished in the Fourteenth of Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Masons or of Perfection; completing everything of the history of the building of King Solomon's Temple, in the Secret Vault under the Holy of Holies, where those who had been elected or selected to receive the True Word and were then dismissed to travel in foreign countries as they might desire. When THOMAS SMITH WEBB made his Most Excellent Master's

Degree out of whole cloth at Albany New York (which by the way is the most beautiful Degree in the Chapter), in his completion of the Temple he did not give the True Word as a reward, yet it is the word intentionally erroneous and misspelled, while he revamped the DERMOTT-DUNCKERLEY Royal Arch Degree and gave to it an American finish, which is the Royal Arch Degree as now worked in our Chapters, where the triple word is given, but not in the same manner, nor the exact word that is given in the Fourteenth Degree of Perfection, nor is the history and legend the same, the events being four hundred and seventy years apart.

The Third Degree of Master Mason was robbed by DUNCKERLEY of the True Word, which was originally given to the actual Masters of Lodges, and by him placed in DERMOTT'S Royal Arch Degree, and so it came to America; and as that part of that Royal Arch Degree is a rent portion of the Third, really if it is desired to make it prerequisite it may be made like the fellow and his girl who got married, *post nuptial et nunc pro tunc*. We refer him to what has already been said by us on this matter in our review of Illinois and leave him to make the application.

Comp. EDWIN MORRELL, of Columbus, was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, of Chilicothe, elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON.

1892.

The seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Oregon, was held at Masonic Hall, Corvallis, Oregon, on Wednesday, February 3d, A. D. 1892, Anno Dep. 2,892.

Comp. J. H. IRVINE, G. P. C. of W. Grand Master *pro tem.* and Comp. SETH L. POPE, Grand Recorder *pro tem.* keeping the minutes of the work. *Only two* of the eleven Grand Officers of this Grand Council were present, *la grippe* having stretched the others *hors de combat pro tem.* and some *pro eternitate*.

There are only three Councils, with a membership of one hundred and thirty-seven, in this jurisdiction being a gain of ten over the previous year. The three Councils were duly represented.

Our Representative from California Comp. SETH L. POPE, it will be seen was present, acting as Grand Recorder.

The Address of Comp. W. C. CRAWFORD, *T.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master was read by Comp. J. H. IRVINE, the former being detained at home by a severe attack of *la grippe*. The address was an admirable one, but the tone is a saddened one for it strikes the heart with sorrow at the loss of those whom we also held most near and dear to us and of some of those he speaks as follows:—

"During the past year the dread messenger, Death, has invaded our ranks, entered the Secret Vault and claimed for his victims some of our most skilled laborers. This Grand Council has been called to mourn the death of our Grand Recorder, Companion FRELON J. BABCOCK. After a

long, protracted illness and failing health, the funeral knell tolled his frail body of mortality to its narrow house of clay, while the disembodied spirit fled away to the spirit land. We sadly miss the familiar face. Was the sentinel asleep when this faithful Companion left us, and we heeded not his going? Alas! the 'Death Angel' never sleeps. The young *may die*, the old *must die*, and the wisest knoweth not how soon; hence we are reminded of the language of our Ritual. 'It is not for us to hope that we shall escape the common doom of man, and our bodies must soon crumble into dust.' To me he was a *very, very* dear *friend*. I leave it for the Committee on our Fraternal Dead to tell of his sterling worth as a man and Mason.

"Companions, we in this jurisdiction are not alone called to mourn. The grim messenger, Death, has been active, and stalked forth in all his abhorence and powerful triumph, and with a steady aim dealt his irresistible blows that fell the great and good of our fraternity, leaving in the shadow of his goings, desolation, lamentation and great sorrow, until we would call upon the LORD of Sabaoth to stay the cruel hand ere he strike more deeply and with more deadly aim into ours S. V. Then, Companions, let us for a moment pause and mingle the sympathetic tear with those who weep, and sorrow with those that are sorrow laden.

'Bear ye one another's burdens.'

"Companion A. W. FURGUSON, First Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, died February 25th, 1891.

"*M.·. Ill.·.* Companion General ALBERT PIKE, died April 2d, 1891.

"Companions, I feel that no eulogy from my tongue can possibly portray to you the true worth of these deceased Companions, and especially the *R.·. Ill.·.* Companion, General ALBERT PIKE, who passed beyond the ordained limit of three score and ten. His Masonic labors are fraught with excellent fruitage, and the potential impress for good is felt all over the world. In Masonic erudition he had no peer. The loss of such a man is not bordered by any lines of jurisdiction, but extends beyond all geographical divisions and leaves its sad impress upon the whole fraternity throughout the world."

There was no Report on Correspondence, Comp. FRELON having died.

Comp. JOHN H. IRVINE was elected *T.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. SETH L. POPE, Grand Recorder.

1893.

The eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Oregon, was held at Masonic Hall, East Portland, Oregon, on Wednesday, February 1st, A. D. 1893, Anno Dep. 2,893 at 10:30 A. M.

Comp. JOHN H. IRVINE, *Th.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. SETH L. POPE, Grand Recorder keeping the minutes of the work.

All the Officers and the Representatives from the three Councils were present. The membership being one hundred and fifty-seven and a gain of eleven during the past year. Good for Oregon. She will come out all right.

The Address of the Grand Master is first-class and shows the energetic, indefatigable overseer and worker. Upon the condition of the Rite he says:—

"While the condition of our beautiful Rite is not as good as I would like, still there are certain signs of a more prosperous year before us.

"Our gain last year is about seven per cent.

"There seems to be a general cry for the General Grand Commandery to make an obligatory clause in their regulations. This might be better for Cryptic Masonry, but, in my opinion, we could help ourselves very materially by becoming *skilled workmen*.

"The practice of partially communicating or conferring the degrees in a bungling and slipshod manner, would make a farce even of Symbolic Masonry—the foundation of the whole Masonic structure.

"Again, with a little missionary work, two or three more Councils could be organized within our jurisdiction.

"This would awaken a new interest, and, of course, a new growth."

He made the following and only decision during his term of office:—

"Question: Is a candidate for the degrees, who states in his petition that he is a liquor dealer, eligible?

"Answer: He is not."

This is eminently a proper decision and we concur. To let one into the Secret Vault, he might get the workmen fuddled and they might not use enough water in the cement.

We copy the following from his remarks upon our "Fraternal Dead," which come home to the hearts of every Pioneer and Veteran Mason on this Coast:—

"Companion CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR was born at Germantown, Ohio, September 18, 1822. Died at his home in Dayton, Oregon, January 24, 1892.

"Brother Taylor had the distinguished honor of being the first Mason made on the Pacific slope. He was entered, passed and raised in Multnomah Lodge, No. 84 (now No. 1), September 11, 1848, at Oregon City. This Lodge was then holding their charter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

"He was exalted in *Sterling* Chapter, U. D. (No. 16), on September 11, 1878, at McMinnville, Oregon. Received and greeted in *Monroe* Council, No. 1, Detroit, Michigan, August 26, 1880. Knighted in *Oregon* Commandery, No. 1, K. T., November 13, 1883, at Portland, Oregon.

"He received the 33°, A. and A. S. Rite, April 26, 1885, and was duly crowned an honorary member of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S., on February 1, 1886, *V.·. E.·.*, by Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother ALBERT PIKE.

"He was Past Master of Lafayette Lodge, No. 3. P.·. M.·. W.·. Grand Master of Oregon. Past High Priest of *Sterling* Chapter, No. 16, now *Taylor*, named in his honor. Past Grand Treasurer of the *M.·. E.·.* Grand Chapter of Oregon, having held that office for ten years. Past Thrice Illustrious Master of *Pioneer* Council, No. 1. Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Oregon. Past President of the Order of High Priesthood of Oregon. Past Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of K. T. of Oregon.

"Representative of the Grand Councils of Michigan and Indiana, near the Grand Council of Oregon.

"He was Vice-President for Oregon of the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast. He was a grand old man and Mason, and as a crowning climax of his honorable and useful career; he bade us farewell on the festival of St. John, the Baptist. His 'hope rested in the Higher Lodge to which we are all advancing.'"

"Companion ROCKEY P. EARHART. This much beloved brother was born in Columbus, Ohio, June 23d, 1836, and died at his home in Portland, Oregon, May 11th, 1892.

"He received the Symbolic Degrees in Salem Lodge, No. 4, in 1865, the Capitular in 1866. The Order of Christian Knighthood was conferred upon him by *Washington* Commandery, No.1, Washington, D. C., January 14th, 1870. He assisted in organizing *Oregon* Commandery, No. 1, December 20th, 1875. He was the first elected Eminent Commander under the Charter.

"He was the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Oregon from 1872 to 1878. Elected Grand Master in 1879, and re-elected in 1880.

"Served the *M.·. E.·.* Grand Chapter of Oregon as Grand Secretary from 1868 until his death, and was Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

"The Scottish Rite degrees were conferred upon him by *Ill.·.* Companions ALBERT PIKE and B. B. FRENCH, in Washington, D. C., January, 1870.

"He was elected an active member of the Supreme Council of the 33° for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, October 18, 1882, and was crowned by *Ill.·.* Bro. ALBERT PIKE, July, 1883.

"Annoited High Priest, November 19, 1881.

"From June, 1883, until his death, he was trustee of the Educational Fund the *M.·. W.·.* Grand Lodge of Oregon.

"He was the Representative of the Grand Council of England and Wales, near the Grand Council of Oregon.

"He died as he had lived—without an enemy.

"Peace to his ashes."

These two Companions were our close personal friends of more than a quarter of a century. "None knew them but to love them, none named them but to praise."

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. SETH L. POPE, Grand Recorder. It is terse and to the point. Necessarily brief, occupying only two pages; but it is so good we copy over half of it, which is as follows:—

"Oregon, with her three Councils, has been deemed slow, which is nothing new to the average 'web-foot,' neither are we ready to urge, as some jurisdictions have, the old story of making the Council a 'prerequisite' of the Commandery, which, to our mind, is supreme folly, even if it could be accomplished. The Cryptic Degrees are with us the most conservative portion of Masonry, and its applicants must come of their own accord, without solicitation, and from their knowledge and love of Masonry alone, for there is no doubt but what Masonry throughout the land has been made popular and fashionable, till too many think it necessary to follow the latest 'fad' and present their application, as they would to become a member of a club, deeming the only requisite necessary to the highest degrees to be the length of their purse. Hence the haste to the Chapter or Lodge of Perfection as an open door to the Commandery and Consistory.

"Yes, Companions, our Grand Council and its members are slow, but we think sure, on Davy Crockett's principle, as we want to see no applicants to the Secret Vault unless they come properly qualified by sufficient time, knowledge and experience in preceding degrees. To illustrate, I refer to last year's report of members, where, from my own personal knowledge, of the one hundred and forty-six members named therein, forty-six are and have been Masters of lodges, eight are Past Grand Masters, in Capitular Masonry, forty-two have been High Priests, nine are Past Grand

High Priests, eight have been Eminent Commanders, and five Grand Commanders, and the majority of the others are and have been serving in various offices in the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, as well as the Scottish Rite.

"As a summary of the reports received, the Cryptic Rite is advancing steadily and a general effort being made to make the work more impressive, a thorough and systematic visitation by Grand Officers, and the prerequisite of a knowledge of the ritual and history of the preceding degrees.

"In conclusion, we have enjoyed reading the reports of these jurisdictions who have published them, and many cordial wishes have been expressed for our prosperity, though some few had thought our Grand Council had hauled up in distress, from signals displayed in the Grand Master's address in 1890, but we beg to assure all that the Grand Council is still afloat and seaworthy and able to weather any ordinary gale.

"Also, to assure this Grand Council that, from the experience of others, we have every incentive to strive to build up our beloved rite in Oregon with a prospect of ultimate success.

"To the Grand Recorders of the various jurisdictions we desire to return thanks for favors received.

"To the various correspondents we extend our profound regards for the pleasure enjoyed in reading their reports, and for the information gained thereby, and with a firm belief that Oregon will, in due time, take her stand along with all others in the principles of our Order, and maintain the same position in the Cryptic Rite as she has in other branches of the Order. I remain,

"Fraternally yours,
"SETH L. POPE,
"For the Committee.

"PORTLAND, February 1, 1893."

Comp. POPE: Your head is level and we shake hands across the Siskiyou Mountains. The "Jeweled State" does not wear bells on its toes, nor is its Grand Council a sleeping Ahishar.

The next session of this Grand Council will be held at McMinnville, Oregon, April 4th, 1894, at 10:30 A. M.

Comp. JOSEPH F. WISECAWER (a good name), was elected *Th.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. SETH L. Pope re-elected *R.·. I.·.* Grand Recorder, and reappointed Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania held its forty-sixth Annual Assembly at Masonic Hall, Altoona, Penn., Wednesday, February 10th, A. D. 1892, An. Dep. 2892.

Comp. JOHN J. WADSWORTH, *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twelve Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 1713 (being a loss of twenty-nine during the past year). All were represented.

Comp. GEORGE LAING, our Representative from California, was not present.

The Address of the Grand Master we most heartily commend, and we fully concur in the sentiments expressed. He says:—

"The condition of Cryptic Masonry in Pennsylvania remains in the same satisfactory condition as it was when I assumed the office. There have been greater losses in deaths, suspensions and decrease in work, etc., than in the immediate past years; but we have held our own, with a probability of an increase when the returns are all completed.

"Elsewhere, the Rite seems on the increase, and I have not heard of any jurisdiction where there has been a falling off. Therefore, the prospect for the future is favorable.

"Various thoughts have suggested themselves to others as to how to make this increase more manifest. Some jurisdictions have proposed to petition the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States to require that all applicants for the Order of the Temple must be Royal and Select Masters. *To my mind this seems strange for a body that claims to be the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry, to ask an organization that does not claim to be Masonic, to make such a requirement.*

"*The Council Degrees are open to all Free Masons; the Order of the Temple is not. The one is Masonry; the other Christian Chivalry.*

"The future of Cryptic Masonry depends solely upon those who are its obligated members. Like a successful business man who owes his success to his own labors, so we can be successful if we only determine to succeed.

"Place before the Masonic world the beauties of these degrees; illuminated by its own light, the secrets of the Ninth Arch will richly repay the knowledge-seeking Companion for his labors.

"Speak of the beauties of these degrees; let the officers be proficient in the work; the members regular in their attendance; the opening of the Council prompt; the dispatch of business by those in charge, will soon tell the story of the advance of Cryptic Masonry."

Good common sense and the Companion is deserving to have his portrait adorn the proceedings of this Grand Council of the "Keystone State" which it does, and a handsome looking Companion he is to be sure. We congratulate his Grand Council on their selection.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Comp. CHARLES C. BAER was elected *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master and Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, re-elected Grand Recorder.

RHODE ISLAND.

1890 to 1892 inclusive.

The thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second Annual Assemblies of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Rhode Island were held on April 14th, 1890, April 14th, 1891, and April 12th, 1892, in Freemason's Hall and St. Andrew's Hall, Providence, R. I., respectively.

Companions ARTHUR H. ARMINGTON and ALBERT L. ANTHONY severally and respectively presiding, and Comp. WILLIAM R. GREENE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are five Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of one thousand and eighty-eight, being a gain of one hundred and eighty-eight for the three years. Good for little Rhody. All the Councils were represented.

We notice that at neither of these three Annual Assemblies of this Grand Council was Comp. ROBERT S. FRANKLIN, our Representative from California, present. Behold, he sleepeth! Wake up, Ahishar!

We take the following from Grand Master ARMINGTON'S Address which is especially worthy of commendation. He says:—

"It is with much satisfaction that I am able to report a substantial increase of interest in the Cryptic Degrees, and while it is probably the fact that we have in our jurisdiction more Royal and Select Masters in proportion to its area than any other Grand Council, it is also true, judging from such reports of the proceedings of other Grand Councils as have come to my hands, that our percentage of increase during the last year is not elsewhere exceeded. While we may feel gratified in view of the *quantity* of material which has thus been added to our symbolic edifice, we may also congratulate ourselves that its *quality* is such as will add to its beauty, its permanence and its usefulness.

"The truths symbolized and the lessons taught in the Cryptic Degrees, as well as in the other degrees of the Masonic system, are not all to be learned and appreciated from a knowledge of the Ritual, even the most thorough. Our Ritualsand ceremonies are, after all, little more than elementary treaties which explain the principles of Masonry, and indicate the proper course for a future study of the science.

"They are like the outcroppings of the mine which serves as a pledge of the richer and more abundant treasures which will reward the labors of him who will zealously, honestly and patiently seek them. We shall be enriched if we gather the grains which strew the surface, but the treasure is fully gained only when we secure the nuggets which lie below."

Grand Master ANTHONY seems to be a careful and painstaking overseer and believes in official visitation and inspection of the records and work. He says:—

"In this connection I desire to urge upon this body the importance of more frequent visitations of the officers of it to the several subordinate Councils; the condition of affairs in some of them, as I have noted, it shows the necessity of this, and I would suggest that either by incorporating it in the new Constitution which is now under contemplation, or by special legislation for the purpose, some provision be made whereby each subordinate Council shall be visited and its charter, records and works inspected at least once in each year, by some officer specially designated for that purpose, whose expenses for doing the same shall be paid by the Grand Council."

Why not delegate that authority to your Grand Recorder and pay him well for his services instead of giving him the pitiful sum of *only fifteen dollars a year* as salary for the Grand Recordership. That is not a *providential* compensation, though the Colossus of Rhodes might straddle it. This is almost ostracism in the "State of Clams." Comp. GREENE ought to be more *clamorous* for decent pay than that, or else serve for nothing and not lower the dignity and importance of his office by accepting any such reward for his services. He must be GREENE indeed to be satisfied with that, and must have other streams and showers to keep him verdant, or he would wither and dry up.

We were in Providence last September at the Northern Supreme Council

and were highly entertained by our Providence brethren at a "clam bake," and witnessed no evidence of such parsimony as seems to distinguish this Grand Council in regard to the salary of its Grand Recorder. "The laborer is certainly worthy of his hire." We would not like to occupy Comp. CHARLES E. GILLETT'S place as the Representative of such a stingy Grand Council to that of California. It would be from the mean and ridiculous to the sublime. We can now understand why Comp. FRANKLIN, Representative from California, does not attend the Grand Council of Rhode Island. He is therefore excusable, but ought to resign his commission. We do not see how his *Paw tuck et.*

The Report on Correspondence is by Rev. Comp. HENRY W. RUGG and occupies fourteen pages and he quotes liberally from our report of last year.

He does not agree with Comp. MEYER, of Pennsylvania, and others that the "only additional knowledge of the mystery of Freemasonry is only to be found in the Cryptic Degrees, which claim legitimately to be the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry."

In this Comp. RUGG is correct. We especially like this report, for it shows the research of the Masonic student and scholar, though we do not concur in all of his conclusions, we have due respect for the cloth of the clerical fraternity where we find it honest and sincere, and can make due allowance for the percentage of bias necessarily incident to the religious profession of denominational culture and where opinions essentially differ.

He says:—

"The Scottish Rite system is broadly inclusive; and within its range of symbolic teaching and reference may be found almost everything that is worthy to bear the Masonic name. It does not detract from the value of the Cryptic Degrees that they are shown to have originally belonged, in substance, to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and to have been first formulated in something of their present distinctiveness by Inspectors of that Rite. It is generally conceded that PHILIP ECKLES, an Inspector, gave shape and distinctness to the Select Degree and introduced it for the first time to the Craft in Baltimore, allowing only Royal Arch Masons to receive the degree. ECKLES afterwards authorized JEREMY L. CROSS to confer the degree upon Royal Arch Masons by the consent of Chapters to which candidates respectively belonged; the supposition is that CROSS fashioned the Royal Master's degree and united it to the other, and so a system was framed and an independent organization effected. The degree of Super-excellent Master is of still more modern date."

He also asks the following question. "Should the Cryptic Rite be prerequisite to the Commandery?" and says:—

"Our New York brother would continue the struggle for desired recognition, though he seems to have no great hopefulness in the issue. Not so, however, feels and reasons Companion SHERMAN, of California, who, commenting upon the above excerpt, says:—

"We earnestly hope and trust that such will not be realized. You cannot make the nine subterranean arches of the Hebrews and Phœnicians the cloisters of the Christian Temple, which is above ground, with Mt. Calvary for its altar and the cross its shrine. There is an end to the

Ninth Arch or Secret Vault, and it is impenetrable beyond. Solomon's Temple was complete of itself, both above and below ground. Cryptic Masonry teaches its own distinct lessons, has its own legends and traditions and should be left alone, where it is. To do otherwise would be to convert it into catacombs, and place only skeletons of dead Knights in its crypts, and we do not want that sort of statuary and sculpture to ornament the arches of this covered way and fill it with dead men's bones."

He then says:—

"The argument seems inconclusive. The Templar Order may be far in advance of the Masonry of the Secret Vault, but none the less might there be an orderly and required course from the one to the other. The Order of the Red Cross has no harmonious relation, intrinsically with the Christian order of knighthood, but in the American system of templary the two orders are connected. Most certainly there would be no greater incongruity in making the Cryptic Degrees prerequisite to the taking of the orders conferred by the Commandery than now exists in requiring candidates to have taken the capitular degrees,—nothing more incongruous than what now appears in the union of the Red Cross and Knights Templar Orders."

Ah, now we have it, and come not only to the milk in the cocoanut, but to the meat and kernel itself, of all this desire to hook on to the Commandery, to make these side degrees of the Lodge of Perfection in the Secret Vault, the bridge to the American Templar Order, while the work will not fit the Red Cross Degree. When WEBB stole the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Degrees of the A. and A. S. Rite, Hebrew and Persian bodily, and telescoped them into one, making the Red Cross Degree of the Commandery, he to have been consistent, should have then also taken the Royal Arch of Solomon, and that of Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason, or the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Degrees of the Lodge of Perfection; then he might have made the connection perfect and complete, but there is no switch powerful enough to expand the rails of a narrow guage to a broad guage track, though they have put in a frog and widened it below and run in the Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter into a *cul de sac*. It is impossible to blast out the end of the Secret Vault, and run a tunnel into the tomb of CHRIST. "Verily ye must be born again," and go out the way you came in, and go around outside by the way of Calvary hill. Hence, as we have said before, the intelligent officers and members of the Southern and Northern Supreme Councils, who are also the officers and members of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, knowing the whole truth as it is, will never consent to make the abandoned side degrees of the Scottish Rite, prerequisite to the attainment of those of the Commandery. If Companion Royal Arch Masons want the truth and *whole truth*, let them seek for it where it is to be found. "*Magna est Veritas et prevalebit.*" The American Templar Degree will never do away with the Rose Croix and Kadosh of the Scottish Rite, or be made the arcade of the Consistories or the vestibule of the Supreme Councils. Hence, with that attempted to be concealed object and purpose in view and readily seen, any attempt to make up the train with Royal Arch

Chapter, Council of Royal and Select Master with the Commandery will never succeed, for the middle section is too narrow guage and will throw the entire train from the track if once put in motion. Let the Cryptic Rite alone, it is strong enough to stand by itself without holding it up with feathers or balloons in the air, though we may use a *Rugg* to recline upon in the Secret Vault when called from labor to refreshment.

Comp. ALBERT L. ANTHONY, of Providence, was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM R. GREENE, also of Providence, re-elected Grand Recorder, who we hope will be better paid.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

1890, 1891, 1892.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina, convened in its thirty-first, thirty-second and thirty-third Annual Assembly at Masonic Temple, Charleston, S. C., February 11th, 1890, February 9th, 1891, and February 9th, 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M. respectively.

Companions A. DOTY, GEORGE W. PARKER (acting) and SAMUEL S. BUIST, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Masters respectively, presiding, and Comp. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are seven Councils, with a membership of one hundred and thirty-four in this jurisdiction all of which were represented.

Past Grand Master A. DOTY had been called to rest from his labors, Past Grand Master EDUARD SCHULTZ was absent from the State, and we therefore take the following excerpts from the most excellent Address of *T.·. I.·.* Grand Master SAMUEL S. BUIST:—

"At Washington, D. C., April 2d, 1891, the spirit of Companion ALBERT PIKE took its flight to join the silent column which moves continually to the unseen beyond. A name well known in this country and throughout the civilized world, profoundly learned in the literature of the craft and one of its ripest scholars, who organized the first Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Arkansas, and to whose fostering care and protection, as the head of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, we are indebted for the establishment of many of the Councils in our own State.

"Our last Annual Assembly was saddened by the absence of two of our most distinguished Companions, Past Grand Masters GAILLARD and DOTY, whose earthly careers have been run, and whom we have not yet ceased to mourn. Committees were appointed to prepare suitable memorial resolutions, which will be printed in the proceedings of that Annual Assembly,

"Let us, therefore, cherish their memories; let us strive to emulate their examples, and let us hope that when we, too, receive our summons, we shall share with them in the companionship of that Council above, where the Supreme Architect forever presides.

"In our jurisdiction we have not done as well as I should have desired, but I am thankful for what has been accomplished, and our condition at present seems to be stronger, and the outlook for the future more hopeful. With a well-directed effort on the part of all, I am certain that Cryptic Masonry, in a few years, will occupy a higher position in this State. What we want is work, and not play; action and not talk, and the sooner the Companions are convinced of this, the better for the

future of our Rite. It has its merits, which should make it an active branch of Masonry. Each should feel the necessity of prompt and energetic action, and should cheerfully bear his proportion of the burden, and ever be ready to do his part in advancing its welfare. Honest intentions and earnest wishes are very well in their place, but we want more enthusiasm, more self sacrifice and more self denial. Its prosperity, stability, and future welfare, therefore, imperatively demand that every one should

'Stand erect upon the square
An honest man and true.'"

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Comp. SAMUEL S. BUIST was re-elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS re-elected Grand Recorder.

Since the foregoing was written we have received the following:

OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER,
Charleston, S. C., February, 1893.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina convened in its thirty-fourth Annual Assembly at Charleston, February 14th, 1893, seven Councils represented.

The following Grand Officers were duly elected and installed:

F. T. WILHITE, Anderson, Most Illustrious Grand Master; H. C. MOSES, Sumpter, Deputy Grand Master; C. F. PANKNIN, Charleston, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; C. F. JACKSON, Columbia, Grand Treasurer; ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Charleston, Grand Recorder; Rev. R. S. TRAPIER, Charleston, Grand Chaplain; W. DILLINGHAM, Rock Hill, Grand Marshal; A. S. THOMAS, Charleston, Grand Captain of the Guard; A. E. FUGLE, Columbia, Grand Conductor of the Council; A. E. GOUGH, Charleston, Grand Steward; L. F. MEYER, Charleston, Grand Sentinel.

ZIMMERMAN DAVIS,
Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

The forty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Tennessee was begun and held at Freemason's Hall, in the city of Nashville, on Monday, January 23, A. D. 1893, Anno Dep. 2893.

Comp. HENRY R. HOWARD, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. W. A. CLENDENING, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are fifteen Councils, with a membership of four hundred and eighty-seven, in this jurisdiction, of which ten were represented.

Comp. JOHN B. GARRETT, Representative from California, we are pleased to note was present.

For a thoroughly alive Grand Master we have to commend Comp. HENRY R. HOWARD as the King Bee in the Cryptic Hive, and he is not a drone at that.

[NOTE.—All the drones in a hive are males with no stings, who attend the queen, nurse and feed the pupa as they grow from the eggs laid by the queen, while the workers are barren females, who do the work, gather

the honey and pollen, and fight for the hive when necessary. In the fall when all the young are hatched and the queen impregnated by a drone, then comes the day of doom, when all the fat old bummer drones are taken by the ears by the workers and smitten under the fifth rib with their stings, dragged out and left to die. There is no help then for the Queen Bee's sons.]

Comp. HOWARD as Grand Master has been doing the work of the queen and worker bees, too, hence our reason for calling him the "King Bee" appropriately and understandingly. He has been all over his State visitting all the Councils but one, "setting the Companions to work whereby they might pursue their labors."

The following conclusion of his Address is certainly gratifying, and it is with pleasure that we embody it in this report:—

"Companions, you now have before you a full statement of my labors as Grand Master in behalf of Cryptic Masonry during the past year. I now surrender the gavel which you entrusted to me, with sincere and abundant thanks for the honor conferred on me and for the hearty support given me by the officers and members of this Grand Council. It has certainly been a year of marked prosperity, of hopeful and growing life. And it, as certainly, has been a very pleasant year. Kindness and unbounded hospitality from the Companions of the subordinate Councils with whom I have had the pleasure of meeting; all which I warmly appreciate and acknowledge! No root of bitterness springing up to defile our increasing membership! Peace and harmony on all sides, and hence, a 'well regulated' household, with no discordant voices, no divided counsels! Let the glad encouragement of the present hour be an incentive to more earnest effort, more courage, enthusiasm and devotion in the great cause of promoting and setting forward the welfare of the Cryptic Rite!

H. R. HOWARD,
M.·. I.·. Grand Master.

It was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which made the following report and which was unanimously adopted.

"NASHVILLE, TENN., January 23, 1893.

"*To the Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Tennessee:*

"COMPANIONS—Your Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, would report:—

"The untiring constancy and attention, the thorough supervision of and contact with each subordinate Council, and the free, hearty bestowal of light by your presiding officer to the many bodies comprising this Grand Council, is truly commendable. While each should, in his sphere, do his whole duty, not often do we meet with the self-sacrifice made in weary hours and days of travel, fraught with all manner of discouragements on the way, as well as at the journey's end, by any one selected to the post of *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master. The Grand Council has indeed been fortunate in having called him to its helm.

"That great advance has been made, and high hopes entertained for yet further results, the records of your Grand Recorder will testify. Let us be quick to take advantage of the auspicious moment and carry to success his arduous endeavors.

"That the visits of your *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master will be productive of real, lasting benefits we can not for a moment doubt. It is to be much

regretted that Tennessee Councils have neglected the beautiful, instructive degree of Super-Excellent Master, and we do earnestly recommend that the degree should be quickly obtained by every Select Master *as his right demands*, so he be not less informed than Cryptic Masons of other Jurisdictions. We repeat the injunctions of the Grand Council of 1868, that every Council confer this degree upon every Companion receiving the degree of Select Master.

"Your *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master has scrupulously guarded this Grand Body in granting dispensations, and his example commmends itself to the best judgment of your Committee.

"We ratify with pleasure the appointments as Grand Representatives for this Grand Body, and commend them cordially to our sister Jurisdictions, Florida and North Carolina.

"We congratulate this Grand Body that peace, harmony, and plenty prevails, and no evil overshadows its relationship with other Grand Jurisdictions.

"Before concluding, your Committee notes with sadness the demise of Companion TOWNSEND A. THOMAS, who went to his home and reward April 25, 1892.

"'A true man'—'the noblest work of GOD.'"

"Respectfully submitted.

"BRADFORD NICHOL,
"HENRY C. HENSLEY,
"JOHN B. GARRETT."

Such a report was well deserved by so faithful a Companion and Grand Master.

We also mourn with our Tennessee Companions over the death of Comp. TOWNSEND A. THOMAS. He was our personal friend from 1854, and for years we boarded at his hotel in Saçramento, California.

He was Past Grand Treasurer and Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of California, and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of California, besides having all his splendid Masonic record in Tennessee. He was also a Grand Honorary Member of the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast.

"Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days,
None knew thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise."

There was no Report on Correspondence.

Comp. J. H. MCCLISTER, of Morristown, was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master and Comp. W. A. CLENDENING, of Nashville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

The thirty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont was held in the Hall of *Burlington* Council, No. 5, R. and S. M., in the City of Burlington, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of June, A. D. 1892, A. Dep. 2892.

Comp. ORRIN W. ORCUTT, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twenty Councils with a membership of nine hundred and ninety-two in this jurisdiction of which nineteen were represented.

Comp. GEORGE W. WING, Representative from California, was present.

From the Grand Master's Address, which occupies three and a fourth pages, we clip the following.

He says:—

"To the observing Companion it can but be a source of gratification to see the steady growth of our Rite throughout the world. Amid the confusion of this progressive age and the multiplication of Mystic Orders, our own beloved Rite stands pre-eminent as a constant reminder that old things have become new; and, notwithstanding 'Chili' disturbances sometimes occur in national affairs, and diplomatic relations are strained to 'Fur,' the '*modus vivendi*' is peacefully renewed in the Cryptic Vault, and we meet undisturbed to renew our vows and cement the pleasant relations which we hope may never be strained.

"So far as I am informed our sister Grand Jurisdictions are blessed with the same harmony and cordial relations as is our own, while the feeling between this Grand Council and the other Grand Councils of the world seems to be the most friendly.

"Of the condition of the Rite, I can report but little change from last year. In some of the subordinate Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction new life seems to have sprung up which bids fair to bear much fruit. In others, unless appearances are very deceptive the sentinels are particularly vigilant, or work has ceased in the Cryptic Vault, as no one has been known to enter. Of these I can only say we cherish their memory, and hope their disembodied spirits may be rejuvenated and return with new and zealous life to make the Criptic Vault resound with evidences of perfect work.

"I believe the condition of our Rite can be much improved if each member will use his influence to show Royal Arch Masons that it is unwise to jump the Council on their way to the attainment of the degrees of Knights Templar. I believe the Sir Knight who has not received the degrees conferred in the Council has not completed his Masonic education, and these degrees ought to be made prerequisite to the Templar Degrees; for, in the language of the General Grand Master, 'Masonry is either a system or it is nothing,' *and an incomplete system should be classed as unfinished work with its place among the rubbish.*"

The italics are our own.

So this erudite Grand Master would throw the Cryptic Rite over among the rubbish, if it is not attached to the tail of the Templar's stallion. He is lacking in sense beyond Thompson's colt, and betrays an ignorance of the origin of the Rite, as well as barrenness of logic. He was weaned too young, and has such a hankering for the lacteal fluid that he would run after anything that he thinks would give milk.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. H. H. Ross, who succeeds Comp. F. S. FISHER. His report reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, covering thirty-one and a-half pages, including that of California. He says:—

"If we have been awkward in presenting ourselves, we beg it may be excused on the ground that we have not yet "*got the hang of the garret.*"

We would say to him: "Young man, we are not working in the garret, but in the cellar below ground."

He gives a page and a-half to California, from which we take the following:—

"The Grand Master visited every Council within his jurisdiction (including one at Helena, Montana), except one. Certainly he set a good example that some of the Micawber Grand Masters might imitate with honor to themselves and profit to their constituency. But not all Grand Councils pay the Grand Master's traveling expenses. The Grand Master rendered a decision that a Companion R. A. M., who had received the degrees of R. and S. M. in a Texas Chapter, could not be recognized in California as a legitimate Royal and Select Master. Plainly the decision was correct. Parentage is the test of legitimacy, not knowledge and acquirements.

"Not a large gain of membership is reported, but the Rite seems to be in an active, healthy condition.

"The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of the genial Companion, THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL. He reviews the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, including Vermont. We have not the honor of personal acquaintance with the Companion, but from his fresh, racy and courteous review we think dyspepsia has no mortgage upon him, neither has 'melancholy marked him for her own.' When he differs he does so in a fraternal spirit, but has the courage of his convictions.

"Under Missouri, he quotes quite at length from the 1890 report of Companion MAYO on the prerequisite question. The quotation seemed rather familiar, and we recalled the fact that the extract in question formed a part of the Address of the Grand Master of Vermont in 1889. We have not the proceedings of Missouri for 1890 before us, but are glad to have the sentiments of the quotation considered by any and all. We believe in them. Vermont receives very kindly treatment. He quotes from the Address of the Grand Master, calling it a model paper. Thanks, beloved. Our correspondence report is rightly said to be from "the able and experienced pen of Companion FISHER.' So it was; and no one more than the writer of this regrets that the present one is not also."

Comp. FISHER was a writer of rare excellence and a Masonic student, indeed; and it will take a Lord Ross's or JAMES LICK'S telescope to discover a star of equal magnitude in the constellation of the Green Mountain State. The telescopes give us the figure of nebulæ now forming, which may in time become a fixed star in the northern heavens over the verdant hills of Vermont. Comp. Ross comes into the arena like the clown in the circus and says: "Here I am again, Mr. MERRYMAN," and jumps around with all the vigor of an acrobat, and says we will make the Council Degrees prerequisite to the Commandery.

"The fact is, as has been often said, that the Council is in possession of Masonic teaching, nowhere else found, that is *essential* to a full knowledge of Masonry, and should no more be omitted than any other part. We have always believed compulsory education to be much better for the individual and for the State than self-satisfied ignorance."

In this opinion he shows a total lack of knowledge of the very foundation and principles of Freemasonry. It is free and voluntary, and compulsory on no one. To make it a forced prerequisite to receive the Council Degrees before those of the Commandery, then by retroversion he would compel every Knight Templar not in possession of them, to pay for and take them, whether he wanted them or not. Forced petition and the ordeal of the ballot in an inferior body, with the possibility of rejection, would of itself throw the Templar Order into inextricable con-

fusion, anger and dismay; and no inferior body of Masonry can place the members of a superior body on terms of inequality with each other, nor could any Grand Body, either State or national, force any such inequality by compelling any of its subordinate members to take degrees over which such Grand Bodies have no control, and which they do not want. Such opinions as expressed by Comp. Ross and others are absurd, devoid of logic and common sense. Forced companionship and fellowship is unknown in Freemasonry. We talk thus freely to this new lantern in the garret in Vermont. Our maternal ancestor was born in that State and we have a little of the old Ethan Allen blood in our veins; and when anyone talks of compulsion in receiving the degrees of Freemasonry in any body, or to force connection with that which is strange and foreign, we say: "In the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress of Freemasonry in the United States, it cannot be done."

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, never having had but the Royal Arch Degree, nor any of its subordinates, they do not know anything of the American Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters' Degrees, and perhaps Comp. Ross would like to compel the Grand Mother of Royal Arch Masonry of the world to make those degrees prerequisite there also. Freemasonry is not constructed in that way, and never will be, Comp. Ross. "Free will and accord" is the only prerequisite for the entrance into any of the apartments of the Temple of Freemasonry, and when the Order of Knights Templar have occupied the upper chambers for more than a century in this country, you cannot force any of its members to descend and go down into the cellar before they shall be permitted to return and again occupy their own quarters. Be done with this childish, puerile nonsense and foolishness.

Comp. EDWIN O. HIBBARD was elected *T.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

We have again finished the task assigned us, in reviewing the proceedings of twenty-six out of the twenty-nine Grand Councils in the United States which have come to hand, Arkansas, Nebraska and Canada not having made their appearance. We have attempted to turn the incandescent search light of Truth upon the origin, history and position of the Cryptic Rite as it actually stands; adhering strictly to the letter and spirit of our obligations taken more than a quarter of a century ago, "that we will pretend not what is false, nor cover what is true, and that the measure of our affirmation and denial shall be the understanding of the brother with whom we are obligated in any manner whatever." The Cryptic Rite is nearly as strong in numbers in this country as that of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in which it was generated and came to birth, but which for a quarter of a century or more has been left to its own independence and self-government. If the Northern Supreme Council had not been constituted and its territory set apart by the now Southern Supreme

Council in 1813, during the last war with Great Britain, and the whole had remained intact under one government, then the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters would have remained in their maternal bosom, and continued to be conferred as side degrees of the Secret Vault in the Lodge of Perfection where they belong.

The original Ritual has been modified and changed considerably to dovetail it in with the DERMOTT-DUNCKERLEY and WEBB Royal Arch of Zerubbabel Degree in the Chapter to supply what is deficient there and make it "Perfection." The Red Cross Degree of the Commandery is the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Degrees of the A. and A. S. Rite consolidated, taken bodily and unlawfully by WEBB for his Commandery system, and only the Fourteenth Degree or Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Mason can be properly fitted to it making the right connection. Yet the Commandery would not confer its Templar Degree on a Prince of Jesusalem (of the Sixteenth Degree), though he possessed what is called the Red Cross Degree in all of its originality and purity, legally and correct. So in like manner neither would a Rose Croix Chapter confer the Eighteenth Degree upon a Red Cross Knight, or the Council of Kadosh the Thirtieth Degree on a Knight Templar, unless he had regularly received all the previous degrees of the A. and A. S. Rite. For nearly three-fourths of a century the Commanderies of Knights Templar have been in peaceable possession of these two degrees in one, originally unlawfully obtained, and which have been inherited by at least two generations without any attempt at reclamation whatever by the rightful owners, though the title of nomenclature has been changed; and so they will peacefully remain where they are until voluntarily discarded by the Templar Order itself.

There is no dispute or quarrel between the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and the Supreme Councils respectively in relation to them, nor will there be. But the former sovereign power, composed mainly of members of the latter, with full knowledge of the truth, will never consent to further appropriation of Scottish Rite Material even though it has been discarded and left to itself, to make connection between it and the Royal Arch Chapters. It is time illy and needlessly spent to continue to urge this unnatural connection which will result in a monstrosity conception and abortion. An Odd Fellow might, with equal reason and propriety, claim the right to petition for the degrees in the Royal Arch Chapter from the fact that Odd Fellowship is founded upon the side degree of Secret Monitor, which originally was conferred upon Master Masons only, but slightly altered for the purpose intended, when in the time of persecution in this country Masons went into Odd Fellowship, formed a new Ritual and took their aprons (devoid of flaps), into that fraternity, and which they, in after years, laid aside as being no longer expedient. We know its history well.

The Degrees of Royal and Select Masters created originally as a mask to conceal the intentions and designs of the House of the Stuarts, under the "Pretenders," having long since ceased to be used for such a purpose are

now confined to simply "point a moral or adorn a tale," of allegory, parable and symbolism, to teach Masonic lessons of patient toil, research and truth; but falsely claimed "to be the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry." It is deflective and reflected light, but as far as they go they serve their purpose well and should be resolutely and firmly maintained in all their vigor and independence, and receive the hearty support of all who have once voluntarily given their solemn Masonic word and oaths to keep and perform the same. It is a spur of the main lode of the Scottish Rite, with its own dips and angles, carries free gold in paying quantities, but with now a separate ownership and incorporated company to work it, which is the best description we can give, and we are glad that we are one of the stockholders and directors in it and will be until there is a cross-cut run through the country rock into the Templar Company's Claim outside of our own location.

Companions we are done. Those who do not agree with us have the privilege of remaining so. If we have pricked the bubble of egotism and self-conceit, we have done so in all Masonic kindness with a strict regard for justice and the truth, therefore lay up not wrath against us. Those who shall read without bias or prejudice will be rewarded by being convinced of the truth.

All which is fraternally submitted,

EDWIN A. SHERMAN,
Chairman of and for the Committee.

The Grand Master announced the election of Grand Officers as the next business in order; and having appointed Companions EUGENE CORMENY and CHARLES LORD FIELD to act as tellers, the election proceeded, with the following result:—

The *M.*·. *I.*·. DAVID PUGH MARSHALL was elected Grand Master;

The *R.*·. *I.*·. GEORGE PENLINGTON was elected Deputy Grand Master;

The *R.*·. *I.*·. CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Works;

The *R.*·. *I.*·. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer;

The *R.*·. *I.*·. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Council was then called off until one o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
Monday, April 17, Anno Dep. 2893.

The Grand Council was called on at one o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the special committee to whom had been referred the Address of the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your committee have examined the address of the Grand Master and with pride and pleasure submit their report to the Grand Council; pride in the glowing condition of the Cryptic Rite in California which we acknowledge is due in a great measure to the faithful business methods of our Grand Master and his enthusiastic devotion to the discharge of assumed duties, and pleasure in recording the fact that the Grand Master has so thoroughly attended to the wants and supervised the interests of all the Councils of the jurisdiction that no legislation is needed, and yet greater pleasure in submitting the fact that for these reasons your committee find no use for the exercise of their skill and ability in disposing of the matter presented in the address.

We suggest that the matters referring to the Council at Yreka be continued with the Committee on Charters, and that the matter of presenting the prerequisite question to the Grand Commandery be continued in the hands of the same committee to whom it was referred last year.

All which is fraternally submitted,

WM. A. DAVIES,
JACOB H. NEFF,
THOMAS KYLE.

Which report was concurred in and the recommendations adopted.

Comp. CHARLES *E* STONE, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances take pleasure in reporting that no appeals have been submitted for consideration, and that *grievances* are unknown in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. STONE,
EDWARD KIEL,
RICHARD VAUGHN.

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, from the Committee on Finances and Returns, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Finance and Returns beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and find the same correct.

The vouchers have been examined and checked with the Report of the Grand Treasurer, and find the balance of cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer to be $325.95.

We commend these Grand Officers for the manner in which their accounts have been kept, and the order in which we find their papers, thereby making the work of your committee very light.

Your committee would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Grand Recorder's salary	$150 00
Grand Sentinel's salary	10 00
Grand Organist's salary	10 00
Chairman Committee Foreign Correspondence	75 00
Contingent expenses, Grand Recorder's office	50 00
Printing proceedings	100 00
Expenses Grand Master to visit subordinate Councils	200 00
	$595 00

All which is respectfully submitted,

C. E. GILLETT,
GEORGE PENLINGTON,
JAMES B. MERRITT.

Which report was concurred in, and the appropriations were ordered as recommended.

Comp. GEORGE PENLINGTON, from the special committee on Uniform Code of By-Laws—appointed at the last Annual Assembly—presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Uniform Code of By-Laws, heretofore appointed, recommend the following

FORM OF BY-LAWS FOR SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

BY-LAWS

OF ..... COUNCIL, NO. ...., ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,

Holden under the authority of the Grand Council of the State of California, and acknowledging the supremacy of the General Grand Council of the United States of America.

ARTICLE I.

OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Council shall be a Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy *Ill.·.* Master, *Ill.·. P.·. C.·.* of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, Captain of the Guard, Conductor of Council, Steward and Sentinel.

SEC. 2. Every Companion named in the Dispensation by authority of which the Council was first opened, or who has or shall have affiliated therewith, and every Companion who shall have received the Degrees therein, shall, while in good standing, be deemed members of this Council.

ARTICLE II.

OF ASSEMBLIES.

SECTION 1. Stated Assemblies of this Council shall be holden on ..... for the transaction of its regular business.

SEC. 2. Special Assemblies may at any time be ordered by the *T.·. I.·.* Master of Council.

ARTICLE III.

OF ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Council (except the Capt. of the Guard, Cond. of Council, Steward and Sentinel), shall be chosen annually, by ballot, at the first stated Assembly in the month of December, and shall occupy their respective stations until their successors shall be chosen and installed.

SEC. 2. The Captain of the Guard, Conductor of Council, Steward and Sentinel shall be appointed by the *T.·. I.·.* Master, and shall occupy their several stations during his pleasure.

ARTICLE IV.

OF DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The *T.·. I.·.* Master, Dep. *I.·.* Master and *P.·. C.·.* of the Work, shall perform such duties as are prescribed in the Constitution and general regulations of the Grand Council, and as traditionally appertain to their respective stations.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Recorder giving him receipts therefor; shall keep a just and accurate account thereof;

and shall pay the same out, when directed by the Council, upon the orders of the *T.·. I.·.* Master, countersigned by the Recorder. He shall annually, at the stated Assembly, when the officers are elected, present a full report of the receipts and disbursements for the year; and shall report upon the condition of the finances at such other times as the Council or *T.·. I.·.* Master may direct. He shall give a bond to the *T.·. I.·.* Master in such sum and with such sureties as shall be satisfactory to that officer, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 3. The Recorder, in addition to the duties prescribed in the Statutes, the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Council, shall issue all notices of Assemblies, and place them in the hands of the Sentinel for service; shall transmit notices of all rejections, suspensions, expulsions, or restorations by the Council, to the Grand Recorder; shall affix the seal of the Council, with his attestation to every document issued by or under its authority; shall, at each stated Assembly, announce the names of such members as may then be six months in arrears for dues; shall annually at the stated Assembly, when the officers are elected, present a detailed report of his receipts, and of all business appertaining to his office; and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Council or *T.·. I.·.* Master. He may receive such compensation for his services as the Council shall direct.

SEC. 4. The Sentinel, in addition to the customary duties of his station, shall make proper preparation for the several Assemblies; shall serve all notices, summons or orders placed in his hands by the Recorder; and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Council or *T.·. I.·.* Master. He may receive such compensation for his services as the Council shall direct.

SEC. 5. The other officers shall perform such duties as traditionally appertain to their respective stations, and as shall be assigned to them by the Council or *T.·. I.·.* Master.

ARTICLE V.

OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE DEGREES AND FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. All applications to this Council for Degrees, or for affiliation, shall be made in writing, in the form prescribed by the Grand Council; and shall, if received, be referred to a committee of three, who shall report thereon at the first stated Assembly which shall occur not less than four weeks thereafter, unless, by unanimous consent of all present, it may be acted upon immediately.

SEC. 2. Upon the reception of the report of at least a majority of such committee the application shall be balloted for, and it shall require a unanimous vote to elect. If, however, one black ball only appear, the *T.·. I.·.* Master may order a second ballot, when, if a black ball again be cast, the applicant shall be declared rejected.

SEC. 3. When an applicant shall be rejected, the fee accompanying h s application shall be at once returned to him; and when one who has been

elected to receive the Degrees shall neglect to present himself for that purpose within three months, his election shall be void, and his fee shall be forfeited to the Council, unless satisfactory reasons are afforded for such neglect.

SEC. 4. Every Companion, becoming a member of this Council shall, within three months thereafter, sign his name to its By-Laws, under pain of forfeiture of his membership.

ARTICLE VI.

OF FEES AND DUES.

SECTION 1. The fees for the Degrees in this Council shall be ..... dollars, and shall invariably accompany the application.

SEC. 2. The dues of each member of this Council shall be ..... dollars per annum; and no member shall be eligible to any office, or be permitted to vote at any election, while in arrears for dues.

SEC. 3. Any member of this Council who shall be six months in arrears for dues, shall be immediately notified thereof by the Recorder; and if said dues shall not be fully paid at or before the next stated Assembly, or some sufficient reason be presented for such non-payment, he shall be suspended from the Council.

SEC. 4. Any member of this Council, suspended for non-payment of dues, shall be at once restored upon payment of all arrearages to the date of such restoration.

ARTICLE VII.

OF COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The first three officers of this Council shall constitute a Standing Committee, whose duty it shall be to report any unmasonic conduct on the part of any of its member; to reconcile, if possible, any difference which may exist among or between them; and to receive and examine into applications for assistance from worthy Companions, their widows or orphans, and afford such relief as their immediate necessities may require.

SEC. 2. An Auditing Committee shall be appointed immediately after the installation of officers, whose duty it shall be to examine and approve, reject or correct all bills and accounts against the Council, before presentation by the Recorder.

SEC. 3. At the stated Assembly next preceding that when the election for officers is to take place, a committee shall be appointed to examine the books of the Treasurer and Recorder; and such committee shall report thereon at the next stated Assembly.

SEC. 4. All committees shall be appointed by the *T.·. I.·.* Master, unless otherwise ordered by the Council, and shall present their reports in writing.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF WITHDRAWALS.

SECTION 1. Any member of this Council, in good standing, may withdraw therefrom upon payment of all dues, and giving notice of such withdrawal at a stated Assembly; but no recommendatory certificate shall be issued to such member unless ordered by the Council.

ARTICLE IX.

OF UNLAWFUL REVELATIONS.

SECTION 1. Any member of this Council, or Companion within its jurisdiction, who shall be so unmindful of his duties as improperly to reveal any of its transactions, shall, upon proof thereof, be immediately suspended or expelled.

ARTICLE X.

OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. The order of business at each stated Assembly shall be as follows:

1. Reading the minutes of preceding Assemblies;
2. Reception of reports and action thereon;
3. Reception and reference of applications;
4. Unfinished an miscellaneous business; and
5. Conferring of Degrees.

ARTICLE XI.

OF READING AND AMENDING.

SECTION 1. These By-Laws shall be read to the Council at least once in every six months, at a stated Assembly.

SEC. 2. They may be amended, so far as relates to the times of meeting and amounts of fees and dues, at any stated Assembly, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice of such amendment shall have been given at the stated meeting next preceding; but such amendment shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Council or *M*.·. *I*.·. Grand Master, and notice thereof shall then be immediately given to the Grand Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE PENLINGTON,
CHARLES E. GILLETT,
HENRY ASCROFT.

Which report was concurred in; and the Uniform Code, after striking out the section relative to a fee for affiliation, was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz:—

The *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE.....as..*Grand Chaplain;*
" " " WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS as..*Grand Capt. of the Guards;*
" " " HENRY ASCROFT.....as..*Grand Conductor of Council;*
" " " CHARLES LORD FIELD ....as..*Grand Lecturer;*
" " " ROBERT ASH.....as..*Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER...as..*Grand Organist;*
" " JAMES OGLESBY.....as..*Grand Sentinel.*

The Grand Officers were then installed in their respective stations by Past Grand Master WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, assisted by Past Grand Master WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, as Master of the Ceremonies.

Comp. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council are due and are hereby tendered to our Past Grand Master, *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, for the very able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand Master of this Grand Body for the past two years.

The Grand Recorder read a communication from Companions of the late *Yreka* Council, No. 8, which, on motion, was referred to the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, with full power.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following Committee

On Correspondence: Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,
" CHARLES *E* STONE,
" AUGUST WACKERBARTH.

The business of the Grand Council being all completed, the minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Council of California was closed in *Ample Form.*

DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,
Grand Master.

Attest:
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

A. D. 1893, A. Dep. 2893.

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

**Richard Palmer Burr, *Ill. Master*, William Buckley Davis, *Recorder*,
Clive William Porter, *D. Ill. Master*, David Farr, *Captain of Guard*,
Alexander John Gardiner, *P.C. of W.*, William Hewson Davis, *Conductor*,
William Buchanan Miller, *Treasurer*, Carl Emil Scheunert, *Steward*,
George Frederick Bronner, *Sentinel*.**

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

**Powell Samuel Lawson, *P. G. M.*,
William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*,
Cornelius Kellogg,
Joseph Davey,
Edwin Glover,
John Hurley,
William Hewson Davis,
Harry Ingham,
Richard Vaughan,
William Alexander January.**

SELECT MASTERS:

**Abbott, Augustus
Alltucker, Henry
Andrews, John Nichols
Baldwin, William Hedges
Bergevin, Nelson Langevin
Birdsall, Frederick Wheeler
Bisbee, John Gould
Bittancourt, Thomas Maria
Block, Maurice
Boyd, John Walter
Brown, Byron Bradley
Bugbey, Benjamin Norton
Burchard, James Philo
Burnett, Augustus
Burnham, James Henry
Bush, George Thomson
Butler, Stephen William
Calderwood, Job Francis
Carey, John Thomas
Carroll, Edgar Barclay**

Carroll, Harry Winans
Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, Bernard Henry
Chapman, George Warren
Church, William Smithers
Clark, Jerome Franklin
Cluness, William Robert
Cohn, Edward Francis
Coker, Gould Carlton
Coleman, Edward
Coleman, Timothy
Conaway, George Winfield
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin
Cothrin, William Kip
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cunningham, John Austin
Curtis, Henry Chittenden
Dale, Richard
Davis, James Gilliland
Decker, Horace Washington
Delano, Ira Lemuel
Dennery, Alphonse
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Dierssen, George Ernest August
Dixon, William Henry
Dresbach, William
Dresher, Valentine
Eilers, Theodore George
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Fay, Newton Murray
Ferguson, William Redmond
Flemming, Frank
Flye, Charles Eben
Forbes, Robert
Foster, James Stewart
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frahm, Claus
Frank, Samuel
Frates, Frank
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frost, Amos Locke
Fulweiler, John Mathias
Gable, Harvey Clinton
Gagnon, Alfred
Gallatin, Albert
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew, Jr.
Gillis, Dougald
Goss, Charles Richard
Graham, Louis Edgar
Gray, Alexander Isaac
Gray, Arthur Irvine
Gregory, Eugene Julius
Gregory, Frank
Gruhler, John
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Mosheim Schmucker
Harris, David
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, James Darrow
Hatch, Wilbur Mark
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heintzelman, Taylor Washington
Herzog, Philip
Hevener, William Henry
Hollister, Dwight
Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Howell, Sidney Algernon
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Huggins, Henri Tyler
Hull, Joseph
Hunt, John Alexander
Hyman, Daniel
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, William Franklin
Johnson, Hiram Warren
Johnston, William

Jones, William Rowland
Just, John Peter
Ketcham, Marvin Alonzo
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Lardner, William Bransen
Lawson, Walter Brokaw
Levison, Jacob
Lewis, Samuel Amanzo
Lightner, Bonus
Little, Christopher
Lyon, Edward
Lubeck, David Wademer
Lufkins, Harry Tileston
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McArthur, John
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McGlashan, Charles Fayette
McKee, Edwin Hervey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
Meister, August
Menke, Anton
Mills, James Edgar
Nathan, Samuel
Neff, Jacob Hart
Nelson, Clarence Newton
Nevis, Manuel Silva
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Ochsner, John
Oliver, Alexander Gibson
Olney, Cephas Charles
O'Neil, James
Pacheco, Romualdo
Peterson, William Frederick
Phillips, Louis
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Pockman, Thomas Cross
Putnam, George Alfred
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Richards, John
Roberts, Robert William
Robinson, Robert
Rohrer, Frederick William
Ross, Henry Ackson
Runyon, Solomon
Schroth, John George
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Thomas
Stanley, Leander
Steffens, Joseph
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stephens, John Dickson
Stevens, Charles Henry
Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Sweany, John
Taverner, George
Taverner, Thomas Moore
Todd, Thomas Milton
Tufts, Albert Currier
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Variel, Robert Henry Fauntleroy
Vaughan, Cornelius Lewis Neville
Vermilya, Abram John
Webster, Joseph Richard
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Whitelaw, John
White, George Amos
Wilder, Joel Osgood
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Young, John Nelles—209.

WITHDRAWN:

Hollenbeck, Orrin Whitcomb

EXCLUDED:

Berkey, Thomas Henry
Jenkins, Charles Asberry
Parsons, Charles Robert
Tubbs, John Charles—4.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Brown, Jay Roshell
Gottlieb, Samuel
Miller, Frank—3.

DIED:

Bartels, George Henry William
Frazee, Robert Smith
Jacobs, Louis
Krebs, Charles Henry—4.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	212	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	8	Excluded	4
Affiliated	1—221.	Suspend for non-pay't dues	3
		Died	4
		Now borne upon the roll	209—221.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Henry Ascroft, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Robert Ash, *D. Ill. Master*,
Joseph Gardner Baston, *P. C. of W.*,
Charles Lord Field, *Treasurer*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Recorder*,
George Leonard Murdock, *C. of G'd*,
Warren Dean Woodbury, *Conductor*,
Harry Nathaniel Hoffman, *Steward*,
Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
James Oglesby, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Thomas Kyle, *P. G M.*
Franklin Henry Day, *P. G. M.*
Charles Lord Field, *P. G. M.*
David Pugh Marshall,
Isaac Stanwood Locke,
George Penlington,
Edward Potter Cressey,
Henry Ascroft.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Adolph
Allen, Richard Spicer
Ames, Frank Holmes
Anderson, James Wright
Andrews, Abraham
Anthony, Edward Taylor
Armer, Andrew Milton
Armstrong, George Robert
Armstrong, Rudolph
Atkinson, Thomas Thompson
Badger, William Gilman
Baker, Charles Henry
Baldwin, Alfred Walton
Baldwin, Sherman Charles
Bangs, Edward
Barclay, Robert Henry
Barclay, Peter Thomas
Bassett, Charles Follen
Baum, David Andrew
Benedict, Courtland Smith
Bingham, William Alexander
Birch, William Henry
Black, Howard
Blake, Charles Edward
Blossom, Henry Eckford
Bone, Charles

Bonney, Charles Sumner
Boop, John Daniel
Bragg, Robert
Breon, Paul
Brinckerhoff, Herman
Broder, Robert Chidley
Bromley, George Tisdale
Browell, Jeremiah
Brown, Henry Adams
Brown, William Anderson
Brown, William Graham
Browne, John Mills
Browne, Thomas Henry
Bruce, James Henderson
Bruns, Henry Bernhard
Bunker, Robert Elmer
Burt, James Gardner
Burtis, Robert Wallace
Calier, James *M*
Callinan, William
Campbell, Frederick
Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Carr, John George
Chapin,.Dinsmore Davis
Charles, Abner Elias
Chesley, Charles Palmer
Christesen, Martin August C.
Christian, Ceasar
Clark, George Dickson
Clark, John Franklin
Clement, Joseph
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Coburn, Clarence Wooster
Code, Philip *D*
Cohen, Philip
Cole, Richard Beverly
Coleman, Carlton Chinn
Coleman, William Warren
Cressy, Albert
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Charles Frederic
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Crouch, Robert
Crowley, Timothy Jay
Culver, James Henry
Cummings, Henry Addison
Curry, John
Curtis, John Morrison
Daggett, John Randolph
Dall, Peter Peterson
Daniel, William Lyon
Davis, Jacob Zeigler
Davis, Winfield Scott
Dean, Peter
Decker, Charles William
Dennis, Samuel William
Dickinson, John Henry
Dietterle, George
Doane, John Osborne
Doane, Micah
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dorn, Marcellus Americus
Doud, Aaron
Dougherty, Charles Medley
Douglas, George Willard
Dragomanovich, Spiro *S G*
Driffield, Vero Carus
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty
Dunn, James
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edelman, Charles
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edmondson, John George
Edwards, Henry
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Edwards, William Harvey
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Eklund, John Peter
Elliot, Charles Emery
Evans, Chester Hepburn
Evans, Joseph John
Everett, Daniel Henry
Ewen, Oliver
Ewing, James Stanley
Falls, Richard James
Fargo, Jerome Bonaparte

Farrell, Edward
Field, Alfred Bishop
Filkins, Charles Wesley
Firth, Joseph Kirk
Fisher, Henry
Fiske, Henry Mortimer
Flint, Brilsford Pease
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Folger, George Edwin
Foster, Arthur William
Fox, John *G*
Frenzel, Godman August
Frolich, Theodore
Gagnon, Michael
Gallagher, John Patrick
Gamble, Samuel
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Getz, Marcus
Giles, Frederick *N*
Goldwater, Morris
Goodban, Francis Edward
Graham, William Findley
Grauerholz, Henry John
Graves, Charles Henry
Graves, Hiram Augustus
Graves, Hiram Throop
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Greenhood, Hugo Oscar
Griffin, John Wesley
Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn
Gritman, Charles Ray
Gullixson, Henry Ferdinand
Haas, David Leopold
Halstead, James LaFayette
Hammond, Andrew Benoni
Hammond, John
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hansen, Carl Christian A.
Hare, Elias *C*
Hatch, Augustus Timothy
Hatch, James Henry
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hellwig, Christian
Highton, Henry Edward
Hildebrandt, Carsten
Holden, Samuel Emery
Hopkins, Peter
Hopkins, Timothy
Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Huested, Orson Justus
Hurlbut, Reuben Preston
Iredale, Charles Winslow
Jeffers, Milo Sydney
Jeffray, William
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin
Jenks, George Washington
Jennings, Charles Brooks
Jewett, George Albert
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, George
Johnson, Mathias
Jones, Edward Campbell
Jones, William Arthur
Jones, William Roderick
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Jost, Joseph
Jost, William Reinhard
Kent, Thaddeus Benning
Kenyon, Curtis George
Kern, Morris James
Kerr, David
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Charles James
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Knight, Edmund Ewell
Knorp, Albert Frederick
Koenig, Frank
Kohler, Henry
Kohn, Isaack

Kramer, Louis George
Krieg, Anton
Landgrebe, Robert George
Lane, William Edmund
Lawson, Andrew
Lazelle, Henry Daniel
Levy, Isidore Nathan
Levy, Jacob
Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Lind, Charles
Litchfield, Joseph Miller
Little, George Edward
Lloyd, Reuben Hedley
Loane, Francis Marion
Logan, Milburne Hill
Logan, Thomas Emerson
Lo Presti, Anthony
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lucas, John William
Lucas, Walter Edward
Lux, Frank Antoin
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lyon, William Henry
Mack, John George
Magnin, Simson
Manheim, Henry Simon
Martinez, Francis Nich. Raoul
McCarty, James
McClure, Stewart
McCreary, Daniel
McCullough, Henry Van Schaick
McFarland, Abel
McGann, Patrick Henry
McGeorge, William Connolly
McKay, Thomas
McLea, Arthur
McMillan, Robert
McNab, James
Mecklenberg, Joseph
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Meigs, John *J*
Mentz, John Henry
Meston, Robert
Meyer, Julius
Mills, Edward Tyrrel Bisset
Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Moore, Arthur Weld
Moraghan, Michael Bolan
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, Charles Augustus
Morgan, David, Jr.
Morrow, William *W*
Morshead, John White
Mouser, Silas Mercer
Muller, John
Nagle, Richard Hamilton
Nash, Charles
Neal, George Folger
Nevers, Lewis *J*
Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Nixon, James Henry
Noonen, John
Norcross, Daniel
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Osborn, Lamartine
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Patton, Charles Lewis
Payne, Warren Ritch
Peck, Philip
Peckham, William Henry
Perley, Albion Starbird
Phillips, William Rippard
Plummer, Cyrus Moody
Polastri, Richard Stephen
Popham, James William
Prag, Martin
Price, Arthur Faraday
Price, Thomas
Prince, Henry Gilman
Redmond, Michael Francis
Reis, John O'Neal
Ridgway, Frazier
Riley, John Francis
Robertson, William Alexander

Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Roskruge, George James
Ross, Donald
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Salsbury, Charles
Sanborn, Albion Irving
Schmidt, Valentine
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Ebenezer
Seibel, Philipp
Sexton, Warren
Seymour, Simon Harry
Shattuck, Charles Curtis
Sheldon, George Edwin
Sibley, Levi Butler
Simpson, James
Slack, Charles William
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.
Smith, James Jerome
Smith, William Frederick
Smith, William Jacob
Soule, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, James Garfield
Spear, Gustavus Langford
Spear, Lewis Eugene
Speier, Bernard
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stark, William Alexander
Stern, Louis
Stoddart, Augustus Wynne
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Swannack, Daniel
Swift, Samuel
Tait, William Cave
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thompson, George
Thompson, George Howard
Thornton, Samuel Kennedy
Trainor, Louis Howard
Triest, Bernard
Troppmann, Charles Martin
Tuohy, John
Turner, James Frederick
Vanderhurst, William
Veen, Frank Joseph
Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, James Greig
Warburton, Samuel
Ward, William
Warwick, James Blain
Waterhouse, Frederick Adelbert
Welch, Willard Choate, Jr.
Weller, Henry Olp
Wells, Asa Reynolds
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Whitcomb, Frank Randolph
White, Jonathan Lloyd
White, Thomas Benton
Whittier, James Eugene
Wiley, George Adrian
Williams, Daniel *A*
Williamson, Henry
Willman, Alexander
Wilson, John McFarland
Wing, Stephen
Woodlock, John
Young, Shirley Trever
Young, William
Younger, William John—384.

RESTORED:

Reed, Thomas M.
Stoddard, Augustus Wynne
Valentine, John—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Reed, Thomas M.
Valentine, John—2.

EXCLUDED:

Parmelee, James Edward—1.

DIED:

Barrows, Charles Dana
Fargo, Earl Alexander
Grossetta, Martin
Howard, Charles Shelby
Ramage, Walter James
Spaulding, George
Winter, Washington General—7.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report...	368	Withdrawn	2
Greeted	22	Excluded	1
Affiliated	1	Died	7
Restored	3—394.	Now borne upon the roll..	384—394.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles *E* Stone, *Th. Ill. Master*, Francis Wm. Howard Aaron, *Rec'rdr*,
William Flint Peacock, *D. I. M.*, Frank *B* Miller, *Captain of Guards*,
Charles Hapgood, *P. C. of W.*, William Andrew Lowery, *Conductor*,
Alexander Cameron Irwin, *Treasurer*, Thomas Hugh Kernan, *Steward*.
John George McLellan, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Caldwell Belcher,
Henry Holcombe Rhees,
Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Andrew Jackson Binney,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Lemuel Trescott Crane.

SELECT MASTERS:

Asher, Alexander Branch
Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Baxter, John
Belknap, F. G.
Berry, James McConnell
Blackburn, George *W*
Brown, Josiah Perkins
Burchard, John Luther
Burner, Henry
Carpenter, George Washington
Clements, William Andrew
Cohn, Isaac Giballe
Crew, Alexander Hill
Deaner, Samuel Christian
Dobbins, Thomas
Duncan, John Lewis
Eastman, James Fred
Ellis, William Turner
Elwell, William
Engel, Peter
Ewell, Samuel
Fagan, Edward
Falk, Herman
Faulkner, Charles
Fimbreath, Arthur Francis
Fisher, Amos
Fisher, Charles Lester
Goad, William Frank
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Haynes, James

Hochstadter, Simon
Hunter, William
Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Knight, David Edgar
Krause, Frederick Low
Lee, Ortis Frederick
Leining, John Henry
Lewek, Solomon
Logan, Anderson Dabney
Marcuse, Marcus
McFarlane, James Clark
Menz, Albert Julius
Miller, Arthur Gardner
Molineux, Henry
Morgan, Emanuel Briggs
Mould, William
Nelson, William Harvey
Patterson, George
Peacock, James Richard
Peck, William Francis
Peters, Joseph
Phillips, Joseph
Reece, Thomas White
Rideout, Norman Dunning
Roberts, John Henry
Rogers, Samuel Josiah Smith
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Saye, George Marion
Schuler, Conrad
Seely, John Ambrose
Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Slingsby, William
Spencer, Stephen
Stafford, William Henry
Stone, Lewis Charles
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Vanderwarker, Abner *K*
Webb, Charles Augustus
White, Amasa Willey
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Woodworth, Homer Allen—90.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....79
Greeted.....11—90.

Now borne upon the roll ....90—90.

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Frank Wilson Street, *Th. Ill. Master*, William Gustav Rudorff, *Recorder*,
Edwin Aldrich Rogers, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*, James Edgar Requa, *Capt. of Guards*,
Edward Keil, *Prin. Con. of Works.*, Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
Charles Edward Lang, *Treasurer*, Joseph Moore Hampton, *Steward*,
Abraham Barlow, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edward Lang,
James Bell,
Frank Wilson Street,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers.

SELECT MASTERS:

Brown, Gurdcon
Burden, Charles Henry
Calhoun, Henry Clay
Johnson, Andrew Porter
Long, William Giles
Matthews, James

Means, Andrew Jackson
Mitchell, Frederick Francis
Parsons, Edmond
Rooney, John Francis
Wells, Thomas Washington
Yancey, Tryon Milton—22.

RESTORED:

Brown, Gurdcon
Matthews, James
Yancey, Tryon Milton—3.

WITHDRAWN:

Bacon, Martin
Harris, Charles Parsons
Klein, Peter
Wing, Stephen—4.

DIED:

Carter, John Beach—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	22	Withdrawn	4
Greeted	2	Died	1
Restored	3—27.	Now borne upon the roll	22—27.

SHASTA COUNCIL. No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Albert Frederick Ross, *Th. Ill. Mas.*, Daniel Potter Bystle, *Recorder*,
Morris Mehon, *Deputy Ill. Master*, John Sale Strode, *C. of the Guard*,
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*, Gunther F. C. Schroter, *Conductor*,
John Varner Scott, *Treasurer*, MarshallAlexander Mitchell, *Steward*,
Thomas Greene, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle,
Adolph Dobrowsky,
Albert Frederick Ross.

SELECT MASTERS:

Andrew, William
Andrews, Alexander Robertson
Black, Peter Peterson
Blossom, Robert Hurd
Boswell, William Alexander
Bratten, John Michael
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus
Cahoone, William Brower
Chase, Guy Horatio
Clements, John
Duhig, Louis James
Esseck, Belty
Griggs, Sidney Allen
Hall, Joseph *N*
Hull, Sylvester
Kellner, Wilhelm
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Lowden, William Spencer
Martin, Rufus Franklin
McCoy, Leo Lewis
Miller, Thomas Love
Murphy, Sylvanus Everett

Nichols, James Levin
Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Paulsen, Jacob
Reynolds, John Edward
Ross, Herman Frederick
Rowles, James
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Scranton, Jewett
Smith, Champion *W*
Souter, John
Sweeny, Edward
Syme, John
Taylor, Clay Webster
Tyler, Jonathan Cooper
Weil, David
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses—50.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Given, William Cushing
Nethercott, Robert
Shearin, Daniel Thomas—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....49
Greeted..... ..... 4—53.
Suspended for N. P. D..... 3
Now borne upon the roll ....50—53.

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9.

Helena, Montana.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Booker, *Recorder*,
William McClatchey, *Dep. Ill. Master*, Francis Doremus Jones, *Capt. of G.*,
William Henry McCann, *P. C. of W.*, William Scott Spalding, *Conductor*,
Edward D. Neill, Jr., *Treasurer*, Charles *S* Cater, *Steward*,
John C. Major, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornelius Hedges,
Walter E. Frederick,
John C. Major,
James W. Hathaway,
Harry R. Comly,
William McClatchey,
Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Atchison, Jehu Baker
Boardman, William Theodore
Cook, Andrew B.
Cowden, Henry
Cummings, Pat. W.
Easterly, Allen M.
Evans, Henry D.
Featherman. James Benjamin
Featherman, John A.
Fisk, Andrew J.
Folk, Benjamin Woodhull Strong
Fox, Jonathan N.
Garrett, Clarence B.
Greenhood, Isaac
Guthrie, Henry H.
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Hunter, Duncan Thomas
Jones, Louis L.

Jury, William
Kennon, Richard T.
Kirkendall, Hugh
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.
Knight, Edward W.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McKnight, Albert Gallatin
Minshall, Samuel W.
Murphy, John
Nolan, Cornelius B.
Reed, Henry S.
Reese, Hugh
Reinig, Michael
Robinson, Jeremiah
Scheuer, Frederick V.
Schwab, Samuel
Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Shaw, William Steel
Smith, William Dulin
Stebbins, Charles Henderson
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Thompson, John Wilson
Walker, Jacob Longacre
Weisenhorn, August
Whitworth, Alfred
Wood, George R.—62.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....59
Greeted ..... 3—62.
Now borne upon the roll ....62—62.

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Richards Hedges, *T. Ill. M.*, John Milton La Rue, *Recorder*,
Geo. Alexander McKenzie, *D. Ill. M.*, Henry Ephraim Robbins, *C. of Guard*,
John Garwood, *Prin. Con. Works*, Harry Nichols Baggs, *Conductor*,
William Graham, *Treasurer*, William Henry Stone, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Howe, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies, Alexander Chalmers.
Edward Richards Hedges,

SELECT MASTERS:

Abernethy, William Alexander
Bachmann, Carl August
Barber, Joseph Martin
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Beede, William Morris Stewart
Bennett, Paul Witherly
Brown, Phillip Thomas
Buell, Park Arbington
Caine, John
Castle, Christopher Champlin
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Cotterell, William
Craig, Howard Milton
Cross, Samuel Nelson
Cunningham, Thomas
Dalby, Samuel Price
Dorrance, Henry Tully
Dorsey, Caleb
Elliott, Lyman Weston

Fanning, Howard Malcolm
Fortune, James Pulaski
Fraser, Philip Barry
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Harrison, Norval
Harrison, William Bruce
Haslacher, Jacob
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Henderson, Orrin Staples
Hickox, Flavil Gaylord
Hurd, Columbus
Jory, John
Kahn, Louis
Kendrick, Levi Jackson
Kerr, Benjamin Eadie
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Lane, Frank Ellis
Langridge, George Washington
Lehe, Eugene
Leitch, Archibald
Lothrop, Isaac
McGuffick, William
McKenzie, John Alexander
McKinnon, Angus
Milco, Nicola
Moore, Stephen Baldy
Noble, Arthur Morgan
O'Brien, John Henry
Payne, George Albert
Peters, Joseph Daphine
Prugh, Winfield Webster
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Andrew Joseph
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Rucker, Hiram Newton
Russell, Richard William
Shaw, Henry Coffin
Shurtleff, George Augustus
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Swain, Cornelius
Wallace, Hamilton
Waterman, Solomon
Woods, John Newton
Yardley, John—79.

DIED:

Titus, Isaac Sutvene—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	74	Died.....	1
Greeted.....	6—80.	Now borne upon the roll.....	79—80.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

August Wackerbarth, *Th. Ill. Master*, Norton Filmore Story, *Recorder*,
William Thomas Jeffries, *D. I. M.*, John Sargent Perry, *C. of Guards*,
George Henry Habel, *P. C. W.*, John Franklin Branch, *Conductor*,
John McIlmoil, *Treasurer*, John Condit Haskell, *Steward*,
Levy Henry Whitson, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme,
Norton Filmore Story,
August Wackerbarth,
Julius Brousseau.

SELECT MASTERS :

Allen, Gabriel
Alexander, Henry Nash
Bicknell, John Dustin
Biscailuz, Martin Vincent
Bright, Joseph Shannon
Brodtbeck, Otto
Brooks, Daniel William
Brown, John Alexander
Bullis, Omri
Burr, William Orange
Bush, Charles Wilson
Campbell, John Mis
Christopher, John Francis
Clemens, Andrew
Craigue, Solon William
Crawford, James Seth
Cummings, William George
Dornfield, Ferdinand Emil
Drought, Robert
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry
Fiscus, Joseph
Fisher, Charles Locke
Freeman, Edwin Herbert
Henderson, William Hutchinson
Hewitt, Eldridge Edward
Hinds, George
Iaeger, Louis John Frederick
Illich, Gerolomo
Jacobs, Lewis
Jewett, Stanley Punchardon
Knickerbocker, Niles
Lambie, William Thomas
Levy, Michael
McKanna, Patrick Augustine
McManis, John Rodman
Meyer, Samuel
Miles, David Edwin
Morgan, William Adams
Munro, David
Polaski, Lewis
Reiser, Theodore
Reynolds, John Jefferson
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Santee, Milton
Smith, Fred Martin
Smith, Henry Augustus
Strohm, Thomas
Sutherland, David Munroe
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Vignolo, Ambrogio
Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Wiggins, Wilson Robert
Williams, Romayne
Wilson, Thomas Jonathan—69.

WITHDRAWN:

Burbank, David—1.

DIED:

Denker, Andrew Henry
Lazzarevich, Giovanni
Skinner, John Maxwell
Spence, Edward Fallis—4.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	72	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	2—74.	Died	4
		Now borne upon the roll.....	69—74.

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Robert Edgar, *Th. Ill. Master*, John Wm. McClymonds, *Recorder*,
James Bestor Merritt, *D. Ill. Master*, Francis Henry E. O'Donnell, *C. of G.*,
Edward Harrison Morgan, *P. C. W.*, August Lewis Ott, *Conductor*,
William Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*, Ebenezer Winchester, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett,
James Bestor Merritt,
William Frank Pierce,
Edward Harrison Morgan,
George Joshua Woodruff,
Webb Nicholson Pearce,
Edwin Allen Sherman,
Eugene Cormeny,
William Clay Smith.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ames, George Spencer
Beeby, Robert John
Bice, John
Bishop, Amasa Wright
Blood, William Frank
Bradley, John Tilford
Breed, Arthur Hastings
Brown, Lewis Henry
Burnham, Charles Franklin
Burrell, Alfred William
Cary, Amzi *B*
Clark, Alvah Kittredge
Clift, Frederick Charles
Craig, William Henry
Dalton, Henry Philip
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Douglass, Charles Henry
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Du Bois, Sumner Victor
Ely, Ralph Asahel
Evers, John Henry
French, Robert Elsworth
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor
Goodman, George
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gregory, Calvin Levi
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hahn, Henry Casper
Hale, William Elmer
Hamilton, William Thomas
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Henley, James Brainard
Hersey, Edgar Amos
Hewes, Charles Leslie
Hewes, Charles Wesley
Johnson, Ellis Crowell
Kendall, Alpheus
Koser, Newton Alexander
Lamoureaux, Philias Henry
Lees, David Todd, Jr.
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Mauzy, Byron
Meade, Calvert
Meek, Horry Wert
Meek, William Elsworth
Merritt, Albert Humphrey
Metcalf, George Dickson
Michaels, Henry
Morris, Moses
Nordhausen, Ernest Albert
Nutting, Charles Wilber
Owens, Wm. Henry Searls
Parsons, Thomas *J*
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall

Payne, George Henry
Perkins, Alfred Thomas
Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil
Plunkett, James California
Randall, Charles Wells
Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Samson, Martin Meyer
Sears, Herman *B*
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Spreckels, Richard
Stone, Andrew *L*
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Taylor, Albert Mills
Twombly, Charles Henry
Wall, Joseph George
Walsh, Edward Marion
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Whitney, George Edwin
Williams, John
Woodin, Eugene
Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablonsky, John—96.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Claussen, Henry
Dorwin, George Wadsworth
Patterson, Edward Mortimer
Stimpson, George Washington—4.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report....88
Greeted.....12—100.
Suspended for N. P. D..... 4
Now borne upon the roll....96—100.

LIST OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1893.

	Names of Councils.	No. Council.	Place of Location.		Date when Charter was ordered.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspend'd for non. pay. Dues	Suspend'd for Unmas. Cond.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
			Town.	County.												
1	Sacramento...	1	Sacramento,..	Sacramento,..	June 27, 1860.	8	1	...	1	4	3	...	...	4	209	$112 50
2	California....	2	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	" " "	22	1	3	2	1	...	...	...	7	384	214 00
3	Marysville...	3	Marysville,....	Yuba.....	" " "	11	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	....	90	56 00
*	Sierra Nevada	4	Placerville,....	El Dorado,...	" " "	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....	.....
4	Sonora.....	5	Sonora,.....	Tuolumne,....	May 8, 1861.	2	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	1	22	13 00
5	Shasta	6	Shasta,.....	Shasta,.....	May 7, 1862.	4	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	....	50	29 00
*	Virginia	7	Virginia City,	Nevada State,.	Oct. 18, 1865.	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....	.....
*	Yreka.....	8	Yreka,.....	Siskiyou, ...	Oct. 22, 1868.	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....	.....
6	Helena.....	9	Helena, ...	Montana State	" " "	3	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	....	62	34 00
7	Stockton.....	10	Stockton, ...	San Joaquin,.	April 7, 1870.	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	79	45 50
8	Los Angeles..	11	Los Angeles,..	Los Angeles,..	April 13, 1871.	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	69	36 50
9	Oakland	12	Oakland,.....	Alameda,.....	April 12, 1883.	12	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	....	96	60 00
	Totals...					70	2	6	8	5	10			17	1061	$600 50

*Charter surrendered.

GRAND COUNCILS

IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

With Addresses of Grand Recorders.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
ALABAMA,	H. CLAY ARMSTRONG,	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS,	JAMES A. HENRY,	Little Rock.
CANADA,	SIDNEY J. SANFORD,	Barrie.
CONNECTICUT,	JOSEPH K. WHEELER,	Hartford.
ENGLAND AND WALES,	C. F. MATIER,	8A Red Lion Square, London, W. C.
FLORIDA,	JOHN CARLOVITZ,	Milton.
GEORGIA,	ANDREW M. WOLIHIN,	Albany.
ILLINOIS,	GIL. W. BARNARD,	Chicago.
INDIANA,	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE,	Indianapolis.
KANSAS,	JOHN H. BROWN,	Wyandotte.
KENTUCKY,	L. D. CRONINGER,	Covington.
LOUISIANA,	RICHARD LAMBERT,	New Orleans.
MAINE,	STEPHEN BERRY,	Portland.
MARYLAND,	GEORGE L. MCCAHAN,	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,	SERANUS BOWEN,	Boston.
MICHIGAN,	GARRA B. NOBLE,	Detroit.
MINNESOTA,	THOMAS MONTGOMERY,	St. Paul.
MISSISSIPPI,	J.L. POWER,	Jackson.
MISSOURI,	WILLIAM H. MAYO,	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA,	WM. R. BOWEN,	Omaha.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	GEORGE P. CLEAVES,	Concord.
NEW JERSEY,	CHARLES BECHTEL,	Trenton.
NEW YORK,	GEORGE VAN VLIET,	Cor. West & Bethune Sts., New York City.
NORTH CAROLINA,	DONALD W. BAIN,	Raleigh.
OHIO,	WILLIAM E. EVANS,	Chillicothe.
OREGON,	SETH L. POPE,	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA,	CHARLES E. MEYER,	Philadelphia.
RHODE ISLAND,	WILLIAM R. GREENE,	Providence.
SCOTLAND,	ROBERT S. BROWN,	5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.
SOUTH CAROLINA,	ZIMMERMAN DAVIS,	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,	WM. A. CLENDENING,	Nashville.
VERMONT,	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,	Burlington.
WISCONSIN,	JOHN W. LAFLIN,	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. COUNCIL U. S.,	HENRY W. MORDHURST,	Fort Wayne, Ind.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Connecticut	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
Illinois	Stephen Wing	San Francisco.
Indiana	David Pugh Marshall	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	*	—.
Nebraska	William Caldwell Belcher	Marysville.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Ohio	Edwin Allen Sherman	Oakland.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	*	—
Rhode Island	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.

* Deceased.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	MARCUS L. BELL	Pine Bluff.
Canada	J. ROSS ROBERTSON	Toronto.
Connecticut	ALEXANDER B. SHUMWAY	Litchfield.
Illinois	JOHN A. LADD	Sterling.
Indiana	ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK	Pendleton.
Kentucky	*————	————
Louisiana	SAMUEL MANNING TODD	New Orleans.
Maine	JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND	Portland.
Maryland	ALBERT BENEDICT LYMAN	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	EUGENE H. RICHARDS	Boston.
Michigan	WILLIAM P. INNES	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	W. A. SPAULDING	Minneapolis.
Nebraska	EDWIN A. ALLEN	North Loup.
New Hampshire	JOHN F. MAYNARD	Ashland.
New Jersey	JOHN M. KNAPP	Ridgewood.
New York	*———— ————	————
Ohio	ARTHUR P. CRANE	Toledo.
Oregon	SETH L. POPE	Portland.
Pennsylvania	GEORGE LAING	Pittsburgh.
Rhode Island	ROBERT S. FRANKLIN	Newport.
South Carolina	JOHN R. ALLEN	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	JOHN B. GARRETT	Nashville.
Vermont	GEORGE W. WING	Montpelier.

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GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council June 26, A. Dep. 2860.

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN ASHBY TUTT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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1868.

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1870.

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1871.

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THOMAS KYLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
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1872.

THOMAS KYLE.....*Grand Master;*
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1873.

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ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER:

DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,

SAN FRANCISCO.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,

SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the sixteenth day of April, A. D., 1894, Anno Dep. 2894, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THOS. H. CASWELL,

Grand Recorder.

R. & S. M.

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.·.I.·.Grand Council

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

State of California

FOR THE YEAR 1894.

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.·. I.·. GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT ITS

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

HELD AT THE

MASONIC TEMPLE, IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

ON

MONDAY, APRIL 16, A. D. 1894, A. DEP. 2894.

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GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE

Year Commencing April, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894.

M.·. I.·. GEO. PENLINGTON, . . GRAND MASTER, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. CHAS. E. GILLETT, ... DEPUTY GRAND MASTER . *Oakland;*

R.·. I.·. WM. HEWSON DAVIS, { GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS, } *Sacramento;*

R.·. I.·. FRANKLIN H. DAY, ... GRAND TREASURER, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. THOS. H. CASWELL, . . . GRAND RECORDER, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. THOS. KYLE, ... GRAND CHAPLAIN, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. HENRY ASCROFT, . . . { GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS. } *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. ROBERT ASH, ... { GRAND CONDUCTOR OF COUNCIL. } *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. CHARLES L. FIELD, . . . GRAND LECTURER, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. AUG. WACKERBARTH, . GRAND STEWARD, ... *Los Angeles;*

Ill.·. SAMUEL D. MAYER, . . . GRAND ORGANIST, ... *San Francisco;*

Ill.·. JAMES OGLESBY, ... GRAND SENTINEL, ... *San Francisco.*

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California commenced its thirty-fourth Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Monday, the sixteenth day of April, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894, at ten o'clock A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. I.·.* ——————, .. *Grand Master;*
" *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON, ... *Deputy Grand Master, presiding;*
" *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, .. *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*
" *R.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Treasurer;*
" *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, *Grand Recorder;*
" *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE, ... *Grand Chaplain;*
" *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, ... *Grand Captain of the Guards;*
" *R.·. I.·.* HENRY ASCROFT ..... *Grand Conductor of Council;*
" *R.·. I.·.* ROBERT ASH, ... *Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, ... *Grand Organist;*
" *Ill.·.* JAMES OGLESBY, ... *Grand Sentinel;*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Past Grand Master,*
" *M.·. I.·.* STEPHEN WING, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... " " "

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS:

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....Arkansas;
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....Connecticut and Rhode Island;
ROBERT ASH,.....Georgia;
STEPHEN WING,.....Illinois;
_____,.....Indiana;
HENRY ASCROFT,.....Kansas;
THOMAS KYLE,.....Kentucky;
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....Louisiana;
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,.....Maryland;
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....Massachusetts;
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....Michigan;
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....Missouri;
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....New Hampshire;
EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,.....Ohio;
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT.....South Carolina;
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....Vermont.

And the Representatives of eight chartered Councils, with several Past Thrice Illustrious Masters by service under this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being a sufficient representation present, the Grand Council of California was opened in Ample Form, with music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee—

On Credentials:..... { Comp. William Frank Pierce, " Robert Ash, " August Wackerbarth.

After a short recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of Chartered Councils, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, as being present and entitled to seats, viz.:—

Sacramento,..No. 1,.. { CLIVE WILLIAM PORTER, Th. Ill. Master; POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, EDWIN GLOVER, WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, } P.Th. Ill. Mas'rs.

California,....No. 2,.. { ROBERT ASH, Th. Ill. Master; JOSEPH GARDNER BASTON, Prin. Con. of Works; THOMAS KYLE, WILLIAM THOS. REYNOLDS, FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, GEORGE PENLINGTON, HENRY ASCROFT, STEPHEN WING, } P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Marysville,.... No. 3,....	CHARLES *E* STONE,	Th. Ill. M. and P. Th. Ill. M.;
Sonora,.....No. 5,....	EDUARD KEIL,	Prin. Con. of Work.
Shasta,.....No, 6,...	MORRIS MEHON,	Th. Ill. Master.
Stockton,.....No. 10,..	EDW. RICHARDS HEDGES,	Th. Ill. M. & P. Th. Ill. M.
	WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,	P. Th. Ill. Master.
Los Angeles,..No. 11,....	AUGUST WACKERBARTH,	Th. Ill. Master & P. Th. Ill. Master.
Oakland,....No. 12,..	JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,	Th. Ill. M. & P. Th. Ill. M.
	CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,	P. Th. Ill. Masters.
	WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,	
	EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,	
	EUGENE CORMENY,	

Which report was concurred in, and the Companions named therein were admitted to seats.

The reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following regular committees:—

On Jurisprudence:

Comp. William Abraham Davies,
" Edwin Glover,
" Henry Ascroft.

On Appeals and Grievances:

Comp. Charles *E* Stone,
" Eduard Keil,
" Powell Samuel Lawson.

On Finances and Returns:

Comp. Charles Edwin Gillett,
" Thomas Kyle,
" James Bestor Merritt.

The acting Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:—

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:—

We have again assembled around our common altar in Annual Assembly to transact the usual business of our Craft. During the year just passed each has been called upon to meet the joys and sorrows incident to life; we are to-day pleased to see each other again and mingle our good wishes and thanksgivings to our Supreme Master for His infinite care and loving kindness.

We are bound to render Him our thank offering for the many mercies and cares which He has vouchsafed to us, in the many blessings He has given and dangers He has preserved us from. While thousands have been called upon in our common country to suffer privations, yet we feel grateful that it has not been as wide spread with us as with others.

While we rejoice in the pleasure of being again together, giving and receiving the cordial good wishes, and look on these gatherings as milestones in our walks through life, we are reminded that our number is not complete. We are called upon to mourn the loss of those who have gone before; yet we do not mourn as those without hope, as he who has gone from us was fully ready for the call.

One year ago you elected to the honorable position of Grand Master our most Worthy Companion DAVID PUGH MARSHALL; and when we closed our labors, we parted in full expectation of meeting again, but it was not to be. During the month of December he was confined to his home through an attack of illness and on January 20, 1894, he was called to that higher Lodge where we are taught that the adoration of the twelfth hour is everlasting joy, and our deceased companion has doubtless seen the designs on the trestle board with unscaled eyes. Companion MARSHALL was a good man, a zealous mason and a faithful friend. He was ever ready to stretch forth a helping hand to assist a worthy brother and many will mourn his departure hence, who were continually feeling his kindly acts and generosity. He was affable and courteous to all in his demeanor; in his manner kind and gentle and he won the love of those who knew him best; his heart was always warm and his greetings frank, and by his death our Craft has received a loss. His influence will be felt by those who are left behind and his example will survive him. The large attendance at his funeral shows the respect he was held in by his friends and acquaintances and his bereaved wife should find consolation in that. It is well for us to pause in our walks to express our sorrow and note these noble traits in the life of our departed Companion, and put on record our desire to cherish and perpetuate his memory, as in a measure he was part of our Masonic life, and we would treasure up his good traits and learn from his many virtues and kindly acts lessons of emulation and goodness. Those alone who were intimate with him can realize fully how noble he was, and in whatever position he occupied in our Order and in the community he was ever respected. His funeral services were performed by California Lodge, No. 1, F. and A. M., of which he was a member, and the attendance of the several bodies show how he was appreciated. This Grand Body was also represented. I would recommend that you take proper action on his death.

The transactions of this office during the year have been few. The usual visitations of the Grand Master to the several Councils have been omitted, during the year, owing to the peculiar circumstances of our deceased Grand Master; but I learn from various sources that Cryptic Masonry in this State has made progress during the year, harmony and good fellowship have prevailed, no discord has been in our midst and the outlook is good for the future.

An interchange of Representatives between this Grand Council and other Grand Councils was desired and commissions have been issued as follows: to our *Ill.·.* Companion Past Grand Master THOMAS SEAL near

the Grand Council of Missouri, to *Ill.·.* Companion ROBERT E. TORRINGTON near the Grand Council of Kansas, and to *Ill.·.* Companion CHRISTOPHER F. LEWIS near the Grand Council of Georgia, and we feel the cordial relations with these Grand Councils will be more thoroughly cemented by these Representatives.

For good and sufficient reasons a dispensation was issued to *Los Angeles* Council No. 11, to elect and install the officers at other time than that provided in the Constitution and from subsequent report and interview with its T. I. M. we find that the Council is now in good working order. We have also approved an amendment to the By-Laws of that Council changing the time of holding their stated assembly.

There has nothing further been done towards resusitating *Yreka* Council but trust ere long that Council will be made alive and doing good work.

We are in receipt through Past Grand Master Companion H. S. ORME, of a circular issued in accordance with a resolution of the Grand Council of Minnesota which we commend to your notice, and recommend that the matter be placed in the hands of a competent committee for their report on the object desired. Proper acknowledgment has been made of the circular to Past General Grand Master GEORGE W. COOLEY.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,
Acting Grand Master.

The following is the communication referred to:—

"At the twenty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota, held October 12, 1891, the following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to prepare a suitable memorial on behalf of this Grand Council, which memorial is to be presented with others, in a sealed case, to the General Grand Council at its next Triennial Assembly, to be opened at the Centennial Anniversary of the General Grand Council, for the purpose of presenting to the Craft a record of the early history of Cryptic Masonry.

Resolved, That the Representatives of sister Grand Councils now present be requested to report to such Grand Council as they represent, the action of this Grand Council in the matter of the deposit, embodied in the preceding resolution.

The following Companions were then named as the committee: GEO. W. COOLEY, THOS. MONTGOMERY and A. P. SWANSTROM.

It is the purpose of the committee to present to the General Grand Council, at its assembly to be held in Topeka, Kansas, in 1894, a suitable iron case, properly inscribed, and to place therein such historical documents as may be obtainable relating to the early history of Cryptic Masonry, and especially to the organization of that General Grand Body. In order to make this deposit as complete as possible we desire the cooperation of the Craft, and to this end ask that you contribute in behalf of your Grand Council, or on your own behalf, such papers relating to the Order in your jurisdiction as you may wish to have placed with others in the case.

We would suggest that, as the space will be limited, your Grand Council deposit be confined to a package about the size of an octavo volume from one to two inches thick, and your individual deposit to an ordinary business envelope. Autograph letters from Grand Masters and prominent Craftsmen to the Cryptic Craft, with photographs, would be a pleasing addition to the deposit, and will, no doubt, be of great interest and value to the Craft a hundred years hence. The above space is all that can be allotted to Grand Councils. A number of letters have been promised from prominent Cryptic Masons, and all such will be made a part of the deposit.

The committee are desirous that all documents for deposit be prepared at an early date, and that a notice be sent stating when the deposit will be ready. We do not wish to care for these during the time that will elapse before the deposit is made, but would like to have the lists sent as soon as convenient. All letters and packages should be sealed and plainly inscribed in India ink, with the name of the Companion or Grand Council submitting them. The committee will furnish the proceedings and history of the formation of the General Grand Council, and of the Grand Council of Minnesota. Individual letters may be sent at any time, sealed, and addressed, "To the Cryptic Craft," and enclosed in an envelope addressed to GEO. W. COOLEY, 642 Boston Block, Minneapolis, Minn., U. S. A."

GEO. W. COOLEY,
THOMAS MONTGOMERY,
ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, } *Committee.*

The Address was referred to a special committee of three. The acting Deputy Grand Master appointed as such committee—

On Address of Grand Master..... { Comp. James Bestor Merritt, " Daniel Potter Bystle, " Charles *E* Stone.

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

The undersigned respectfully presents the following report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Assembly, also a statement of the total receipts and expenditures, and other matters, as tending to show the condition and progress of the Cryptic Rite in this Grand Jurisdiction for the past year.

As soon as practicable, and less than fifty days after the close of the last Annual Assembly, the transactions thereat were printed and the usual number distributed, as follows:—

One copy to each of the Grand Officers of the Grand Council and such Past Grand Officers as are entitled to receive the same; five copies to the

General Grand Council; one copy to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils; three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of the subordinate Councils of our obedience.

No dispensations have been issued during the year; but by order of the Grand Master, and Deputy, as acting Grand Master, the following commissions to Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils have been issued, as follows:—

On the second day of August, 1893, to *Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS SEAL, near the Grand Council of Missouri.

On the twenty-seventh day of January, 1894, to *Ill.·.* Comp. CHRISTOPHER F. LEWIS, near the Grand Council of Georgia; and

On the same date, to *Ill.·.* Comp. ROBERT E. TORRINGTON, near the Grand Council of Kansas.

Amendment to By-Laws of *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, changing time of meeting, and approved by the Grand Master, is herewith presented for reference to the usual committee.

That the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction has not decreased during the year, and that Cryptic Masonry, while not so prosperous as could be wished, is still in a condition of health, will appear from the following, as collated from the returns of subordinate Councils:—

Number greeted during the year		49
Number restored		2
Total increase		— 51
Number withdrawn		8
Number excluded		2
Number suspended for non-payment of dues		20
Number deceased		15
Total decrease		— 45
Net increase for the year		6

Number of affiliated Royal and Select Masters on January thirty-first, 1894, 1,067.

The undersigned would here suggest—and he trusts his so doing will not be deemed out of place—that the above offers but slight evidence of either zeal or appreciation on the part of those who have been honored with the title of Royal and Select Masters; and, that if our beloved Rite is to be increased and perpetuated in our jurisdiction, it must be by the individual and intelligent performance of duty by both the officers and members of the several Councils, ever bearing in mind that he who is elected to office must honor that station by a faithful discharge of his every duty, and at all times diligently strive to make our ceremonies so perfect and attractive that all who witness them may be so impressed with their beauty and grandeur that instead of becoming drones in our Cryptic hive, each will become zealously active for the progress and welfare of the Order. So mote it be.

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder's office since the last Annual Assembly:—

RECEIPTS.

Sacramento Council,	No. 1,	dues to February 1, 1894.	$116 00
California,	No. 2,	" " " "	219 00
Marysville,	No. 3,	" " " "	45 00
Sonora,	No. 5,	" " " "	16 50
Shasta,	No. 6,	" " " "	20 00
Helena,	No. 9,	" " " "	34 00
Stockton,	No. 10,	" " " "	52 00
Los Angeles,	No. 11,	" " " "	29 50
Oakland,	No. 12,	" " " "	50 50
		Total dues	$582 50
		One diploma	2 00
		One bound copy of proceedings	2 00
		Total receipts for the year	$586 50
		Paid Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented	$586 50
		Eleven warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer, amounting in the aggregate to	$475 90

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements since the last Annual Assembly:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. and S. M. of California:—

1893.				
April 17.	To balance cash an hand			$325 95
1894.				
March 3.	To received from Grand Recorder		$506 50	
" 14.	" " " " "		80 00	
				586 50
		Carried forward		$912 45

1893.			*Brought forward*...			..$912 45
April 22.	By paid	Edwin A. Sherman,	Voucher No.	1....	$ 75 00	
" 29.	" "	Jas. Oglesby,	" "	2....	10 00	
May 15.	" "	Samuel D. Mayer,	" "	3....	10 00	
" 24.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	" "	4....	21 20	
June 3.	" "	"	" "	5....	25 00	
" 30.	" "	"	" "	6....	12 50	
July 24.	" "	"	" "	7....	4 50	
" 24.	" "	"	" "	8....	12 50	
" 26.	" "	Geo. Spaulding & Co.,	" "	9....	205 20	
1894.						
March 3.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	" "	10....	50 00	
" 3.	" "	"	" "	11....	50 00	
					———	475 90
1894.						———
April 16.	Balance cash on hand.....					.....$436 55

All which is respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

The Representatives of the several sister Grand Councils, who were present, gave encouraging reports of the condition and progress of the Cryptic Rite in the jurisdictions represented by them, and tendered the fraternal greetings of their respective Grand Bodies.

Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed with the proceedngs:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California:

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence having been duly admonished of the low state of the treasury of this Grand Council, and, in consequence, the absolute necessity of making but a brief report with only a cursory glance in the review of the proceedings of other Grand Councils, most respectfully herewith present the following:—

The proceedings of the following Grand Councils have been received and reviewed:—

Alabama	1892	Massachusetts	1893
Connecticut	1893	Michigan	1893
England and Wales	1893	Minnesota	1893
Florida	1893	Mississippi	1893
Georgia	1893	Missouri	1893
Illinois	1893	New Hampshire	1892–93
Indiana	1893	New York	1893
Kansas	1893–94	Ohio	1893
Kentucky	1893	Pennsylvania	1893
Louisiana	1893	Tennessee	1894
Maine	1893	Vermont	1893

ALABAMA.

The fifty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montgomery, at 3 o'clock P. M. on Monday, the fifth day of December, A. D. 1892, A. Dep. 2892.

[Note by Reviewer.—This announcement at the head of the Proceeding is emphasized by repetition.]

Comp. George F. Moore, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. H. Clay Armstrong, as Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Five Councils (number of members not stated) were represented.

The Grand Master, in his Address, gives encouraging account of the condition and prospects of the Cryptic Rite in that State.

The Grand Recorder's Report is a brief financial statement.

There is no report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Comp. George F. Moore was re-elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. H. Clay Armstrong re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

The seventy-fifth Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Connecticut was held in Masonic Hall, Clark's Building, in the city of New Haven, the eighth day of May, A. D. 1893, Anno Dep. 2893, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M. *T.·. I.·* Comp. Thomas J. Gill, *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and *T.·. I.·* Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Comp. A. B. Shumway, Representative for California, was absent. There ought to be *Shumway* for securing his attendance.

There are twenty Subordinate Councils in this State, with a membership of two thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven (a gain of one hundred and nine during the past year), and fourteen Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's Address is a truly fraternal and business-like docu-

ment and exhibits the conscientious and faithful discharge of official duty, as do the reports of his coadjutors in that Grand Council.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, which covers forty-one pages and reviews the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils, and its perusal was like entering one of those charming meadows in that spice-wooded State on a bright morning in the month of May. He extends a kindly greeting to California, and in his facetious rejoinder to our playful remarks made last year he says of us, after quoting from our remarks:—

"He may, for aught we know, be in that young girl's condition; but he never can palm himself off as a wet nurse in New England. We would bet one of those hams he speaks of that he couldn't."

Your conclusions are correct, Comp. WHEELER; doubly so, for both the sex and age would forbid it.

His conclusion of his report, however, is too good to be lost, and we give it in full, which is short and as follows:—

"With this we conclude our report, having reviewed twenty-four Grand Councils—a larger number than for several years. Rhode Island and South Carolina only print once in three years, and the latter was included in our report of last year. The absent ones this year have not been heard from. Evidently, they are sleeping at their posts, and perhaps without oil in their lamps, as was the case with the devout Dutchman. He attended prayer meeting one evening when the pastor took for the subject the parable of the five wise and the five foolish virgins. After presenting the subject in its proper light to impress upon his hearers the true import of the parable, he called for remarks, when the Dutchman, whose conscience was pricked for lack of attention to his duties, arose and said: 'I tinks dot de subject fits mine case pretty chlose. I feels bad dot I have bin so negligent of mine duty. In fact, brothers and sisters, I tinks I have been shleeping a leedle too much mit dose five foolish virgins dot had no oil in dar lamps.'"

T.·. I.·. Comp. WILLIAM H. PARMELEE, of Collinsville, was elected *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER re-elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown (North America excepted), was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen street, London, W. C., on Thursday, 9th March, 1893, at 6 o'clock P. M.

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. The EARL OF EUSTON, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work. [California has no Representative to this Grand Council.]

There are nineteen Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of five hundred and ninety-two on the rolls.

There was no Address of the Grand Master. The brief but very fraternal Annual Report of the Grand Recorder was the basis for action in that Grand Council, where all the good things said and done was at the banquet

table, where all the *crypts* were duly filled and stored with the wages of the craftsmen employed.

There was no election of officers held, but the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master appointed all of his officers, re-appointing Comp. CHARLES F. MATIER Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Florida assembled in twenty-first Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple in the town of Milton, November the 9th, A. D. 1893, A. Dep. 2893, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Comp. *Ill.·.* Grand Master GEORGE S. HALLMARK presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JOHN CARLOVITZ, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work. [California has no Representative to this Grand Council.]

The Annual Address of the Grand Master is brief, occupying only one page, but it is electric and bristling with sharp ideas and good judgment, tersely expressed, which is commendable to the head of that little but plucky and faithful jurisdiction. Among other things he says:—

"A number of Grand Jurisdictions are very earnest in their endeavors to have the General Grand Commandery to pass an edict making the Council degrees prerequisite to Knighthood. If there is not merit enough in the Council degrees to make them sought after, let's quit."

We concur.

There is no Report on Fraternal Correspondence, for lack of funds; and this Grand Council had no revenue from its four Subordinate Councils, which confer the degrees for the small fee of only *five* dollars.

The Grand Recorder, Comp. JOHN CARLOVITZ, is deserving of all praise for his fidelity and energetic devotion to the interests of Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction, and though he complains of the want of funds, yet he is the only Grand Recorder (and so are all of his Companions in that jurisdiction) who can indulge in so expensive a luxury as a Florida water bath and renew their youth, the great object of the search of the great discoverer PONCE DE LEON in that floral peninsula.

Comp. GEORGE S. HALLMARK was re-elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. JOHN CARLOVITZ re-elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia convened in its fifty-fifth Annual Assembly in the Masonic Hall in the city of Atlanta, at 1 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, April 26, A. D. 1893, Anno Dep. 2893, and was opened in Ample Form, *and with prayer*.

[Query—How could it be opened in *Ample* Form *without* prayer?]

Comp. HENRY C. BURR, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. ANDREW WOLIHIN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eleven Subordinate Councils, with a membership of three hundred and ninety-six, of which nine Councils were represented. Gain in membership, sixteen. California has no Representative to this jurisdiction.

The Address of the Grand Master shows a careful supervision of the affairs of the Grand Secret Vault in that State, and the report of his official visitations to the Subordinate Councils, a zealous interest in the prosperity of the Cryptic Rite in that jurisdiction. He says:—

"It is a source of gratification to see a steady growth of our Rite throughout *the universe*" (which shows that he has officially visited or had communication with the stellar bodies in the Great Secret Vault in the heavens above), "especially within our own jurisdiction."

And he can change the language of the poet to read:—

> "No pent-up Georgia contracts our powers,
> For the whole boundless universe is ours."

He is just the sort of a Companion whom we admire—one with a broad, comprehensive view of things in general and the Cryptic Rite in particular. He further says:—

"Peace and harmony prevail throughout *our* jurisdiction. No discordant sounds have penetrated the Ninth Arch from any of the faithful Craftsmen within our border. We have reason to be proud of the progress we have made. From the reports of the Subordinate Councils we gather the gratifying intelligence that there has been a renewal of interest throughout the State. Many of our Councils have done exceedingly well, as you will see by the returns."

He pays a grateful tribute to the Grand Recorder for his able assistance.

There is no Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Ill.·. Comp. H. C. BURR was re-elected *M.*·. *Ill.*·. Grand Master, and Comp. A. M. WOLIHIN re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

The forty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois was held in the Masonic Temple, city of Chicago, on the 25th day of October, A. D. 1893, A. Dep. 2893, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Ill.·. MARSHALL U. TRIMBLE, *M.*·. *Ill.*·. Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.*·. GIL. W. BARNARD, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work; *Ill.*·. Comp. JOHN A. LADD, Representative from California, being present.

Forty-one Councils were represented. Total membership, two thousand four hundred and seventy-nine, being a gain of sixty-seven during the previous year.

The Grand Master's Address covers eleven pages, and is a full report of official duties well performed.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Comp. G. W. WARVILLE, and covers twenty-eight pages. His review of California is brief and curt; but he has, apparently, abandoned his design of unlawfully appropriating the title of the Degree of Perfect Master of the Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite and consolidating it with the Council Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, and is still smarting from the justly administered rebuke and protest of ours, in 1892, for this unlawful attempt. His "Genesis of the Degree of Royal Master" we have carefully read, but find it to be no

new Revelation. He seems to desire to out-Pantagruel Pantagruel, who from a marvelous infancy when he grew to manhood "knew all languages, all sciences and all knowledge of every sort, out-Solomoning Solomon in wisdom. Having defeated Anarchus, king of the Dipsodes, all submitted except the Almirods. Marching against these people, a heavy rain fell, and Pantagruel covered his whole army with his tongue. While so doing, Alcofribus crawled into his mouth, where he lived six months, taking toll of every morsel that his lord ate. His immortal achievement was his voyage from Utopia in quest of the 'Oracle of the Holy Bottle.'"

We exceedingly regret that the admonition received of the state of the treasury of our Grand Council forbids a more extended review concerning this subject at this time; however, MACKAY, PIKE, SPEED and other standard authorities will still continue to be our guides, and when it can be satisfactorily proven that they have all lied to us in person as well as in books, then we will be prepared to consider new revelation from a younger generation, which repudiates its paternal ancestry and unlawfully attempts to despoil the old homestead, which, by will of the original owner, has been directed to be preserved intact by the lawful inheritors.

In his "Genesis of the Degree of Royal Master," Comp. WARVILLE is also unreliable in his statement in his reference to JOSEPH CERNEAU (the imposter), as being a Scottish Rite Mason, which, as has been clearly proven by the records, and so frequently stated by PIKE, MACKAY and others, that he was *not* a Scottish Rite Mason, that it requires no argument upon that matter, though the virus of Cerneauism was, to a certain extent, infused and became absorbed by the Northern Supreme Council at its reunion with the New York faction in 1867, and through that channel and descent Comp. WARVILLE'S Scottish Rite blood is considerably tainted, and he carries the permanent hereditary mark of that debasement upon his escutcheon. His caliber can be approximately, if not accurately, measured when he refers to us not as a *Companion* but as "*Major*." We might ironically retort by calling him "*The Honorable*," which we refrain from doing; but would simply remind him that there are no *Majors* in the Secret Vault, though there are a host of *Miners*—but *all* bear the proper cognomen of "*Companions*," and supposed at least to be men of honor, and brethren. Our motto in Masonry is, *Stare super vias antiquas*. To stand firm on the old paths and by the old landmarks and the real truths, and not the fictions of manufactured history in which New York finds itself so plethoric, the source of WARVILLE'S "Genesis." *Vale*.

Ill.·. FREDERICK C. WINSTOW was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. GIL. W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

The thirty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Indianapolis, beginning at 2 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, the 17th day of October, A. D. 1893, A. Dep. 2893.

Comp. EDWIN H. DUNNING, *Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work; Comp. ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK, Representative from California, being present.

Forty-one Councils out of the forty-three in this jurisdiction were represented. Total membership, two thousand three hundred and forty-three, being a gain of one hundred and thirty-nine, which speaks well for Cryptic Masonry in the "Hoosier State."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. HENRY W. MORDHURST, and embraces sixty-seven pages. We congratulate the malarious Companion and dyspeptic Knight of the Wabash upon his convalescence. There is less of jaundice in his composition than appeared in his previous report, though there is still a considerable amount of bile apparent in his system; but he would get over it in time if it were not that his name, to a great extent, determines his nature and disposition, and he cannot be otherwise than *mordacious* if he would. He is entitled to great credit, however, for doing so well as he does, handicapped as he is, in endeavoring to come up to the *speed* of Mississippi, which is found further down on the great river which "flows unvexed to the sea."

Comp. SIMEON S. JOHNSON was elected *Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

1893.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas commenced its twenty-fifth Annual Assembly in Masonic Hall in the city of Hutchinson, at 4 P. M., A. Dep. 2893, A. D. 1893.

Comp. JOHN H. SPENCER, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. JOHN C. POSTLETHWAITE, as *Ill.·.* Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Ten of the eleven Subordinate Councils of this jurisdiction were represented, the membership being six hundred and ninety-nine, a gain of one hundred and eighteen during the past year.

The Address of the Grand Master is a brief and concise report of the duties of his office, which show that they were well performed, and there is no complaint of the "grasshopper having become a burden" in that small but healthy jurisdiction.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, who most fraternally and faithfully performed his labors shortly before his entering the dark corridor which leads to that resplendent and glorious Celestial Grand Secret Vault above.

What a pity it is that Uncle Sam cannot form a postal union, with mail facilities, with "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns." But even if it were possible, no doubt Rome would still have the monopoly in the sale of stamps, and, as she does to-day, would endeavor to control the revenue of that highway if she could.

Comp. GEORGE C. KENYON was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. JOHN H. BROWN re-elected Grand Recorder; but the latter having since died, on March 12, 1893, the Grand Master, on the 29th of April following, appointed Comp. D. BYINGTON to fill the vacancy.

1894.

This Grand Council held its twenty-sixth Annual Assembly in Legislative Hall in the State House at Topeka, Kansas, on February 19th, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894.

Comp. WM. H. MIZE (Dep. G. M.) presiding as *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. DWIGHT BYINGTON, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The thirteen Councils of this jurisdiction were represented. Total membership, seven hundred and fifty-eight; net increase, twenty.

The Grand Master being absent, having removed from the State, his Address was read by the Grand Recorder, and it was a faithful report of his administration up to the last moment, when he placed his authority in the hands of Comp. WM. H. MIZE, the Deputy Grand Master, who, though but three months in office, shows that ELIJAH'S blanket fell on ELISHA'S shoulders, and upon a most worthy and capable Companion, and whose Address was a model to be adopted as a pattern by his successors.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. D. BYINGTON, the Grand Recorder who succeeds the lamented Companion and distinguished Mason, the late JOHN H. BROWN.

He thinks we are too severe and unjust in our remarks upon Comp. WARVILLE. If he will turn to page seven of our Report for 1892 he will find the beginning of the controversy, in which we protested against Comp. WARVILLE'S proposal to "elaborate the Cryptic Rite and Progress" by adding another degree—that of "Perfect Master" in the Secret Vault—to which we replied as follows:—

"No, Companion WARVILLE, this will not do. Scottish Freemasonry, by the Cesæarian operation, has been cut into too much already to make up another system. * * * But neither the Northern nor Southern Supreme Council will permit the name of 'Perfect Master' to be thus purloined for such a purpose."

THOMAS SMITH WEBB had robbed the Scottish Rite of the two Degrees of Knight of the East and Prince of Jerusalem (Hebrew and Persian, in history and drama, antedating the Christian Era five hundred and thirty years), and telescoping them into one, and making them the Red Cross Degree of his American Templar system. Scottish Freemasonry has ever since, to a greater or lesser degree, suffered from this spoliation; and Comp. WARVILLE proposed, in title at least, to unlawfully appropriate the Degree of Perfect Master of the Lodge of Perfection to complete the history left unfinished in the Royal Master. Our opposition and protest against this little scheme piqued his pride, and he at once became hostile on account of our opposition to his proposed action, which he has apparently

now abandoned. His industry is now *ex parte*, turned in another direction; and while we fully appreciate his labors as far as they go, yet the stubborn facts will prove to be solid boulders, which cannot be removed, in the line of his explorations.

We cordially welcome Comp. BYINGTON to the corps of reviewers of the Cryptic Rite.

Comp. WILLIAM H. MIZE was elected Grand Master, and Comp. D. BYINGTON elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky met in Annual Assembly in the Grand Consistorial Room, *A.·.* and *A.·. S.·. R.·.*, Masonic Temple, Louisville, on Monday, October 16th, A. D. 1893, A. Dep. 2893, at 8 o'clock P. M.

All but two of the acting officers were *ases (not asses)*.

Comp. JOHN G. ORNDORFF, *R.·. Ill.·.* Deputy Grand Master, *as* Grand Master, and LORENZO D. CRONINGER, *V.·. Ill.·.* Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work; Comps. J. SOULE SMITH, Grand Master, and HENRY RUNSHAW being absent on account of sickness.

There are seventeen Councils in this jurisdiction, of which only nine were represented. Total membership, five hundred and seventy-eight; gain of fifty-four for 1893.

No Address from the Grand Master (on account of sickness).

No Report of review of Fraternal Correspondence by Comp. JAMES WM. STATON, chairman of committee (for lack of funds to print).

The treasury—like the answer to the school-boy's conundrum, who asked his grandmother "why her cupboard was like the steppes of Asia?" and she, not being posted in geography, and requiring from him the reason, was given for answer "that it was high, dry and generally barren"—is about the same this year for California.

Comp. JOHN G. ORNDORFF. was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. LORENZO D. CRONINGER re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Louisiana held its thirty-eighth Assembly in the Masonic Temple, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, city of New Orleans, on Thursday, 16th of February, 1893, at 12 o'clock M.

Comp. HERMAN C. DUNCAN, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work; Comp. SAMUEL M. TODD, Representative from California, being present.

Five of the six Subordinate Councils of this jurisdiction were represented. Total membership, one hundred and seventy-four; loss (by death), four.

The Grand Master's Address was brief, funereal and eulogistic of the character of Past Grand Master J. P. HORNOR and *T.·. Ill.·.* Comp.

Comp. W. Newton, deceased, and also giving encouragement of the future prospects of Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction.

There was no Report on Fraternal Correspondence. Cause: no eagle birds in the nest of the pelican; *ergo*, the treasury.

Ex. Comp. Herman C. Duncan was re-elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. Richard Lambert re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Maine assembled at Masonic Hall in Portland, on Wednesday, the third day of May, A. D. 1893, A. Dep. 2893, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Comp. William R. C. Estes, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. Frederick Henry keeping the minutes of the work; *Ill.·.* Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, Representative from California, being present.

Fourteen of the sixteen chartered Councils were represented. Total membership, one thousand seven hundred and thirty; net gain for 1893, one hundred and thirty-six.

The Address of the Grand Master covers a little more than five pages, and exhibits the zealous devotion and application of the pains-taking officer.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, and embraces fifty-two pages. For reasons already given, we regret that we cannot give it that attention it deserves, for we would like to put Drummond against Drummond and see how his opinions agree. But, being a lawyer, he can argue on both sides of the same question, one equally as well as the other, and "make even the worse appear the better reason," until met with the "stern logic of facts," as when he measured lances with Pike, in 1885, upon the question of jurisdiction and met with defeat, soon after the union of the two factions of the Northern Supreme Council in 1867, when he became Sov.·. Grand Commander of the latter. He says: "Really, we think there is too much Scottish Rite in Comp. Drummond's report." If there had been any probability of a union between the Southern and Northern Supreme Councils of that Rite, to which he had legal and other objections, and he have been elected Sov.·. Grand Commander of the new Body, we are of the opinion that he would have withheld any such expression. His prejudices seem to be swinging backward, having reached its utmost forward limit, while as Past Grand Master of the Order of the Star and Garter of the North, chief of Sovereign he will keep the true bridge toward the [illegible] Masons and copy its [illegible]

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Comp. Lorenzo L. Pike was elected Grand Master and Comp. Warren Rich [illegible] Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts was held in Egyptian Hall, Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, December 13, 1893, A. Dep. 2893.

Comp. ALBERT L. RICHARDSON acting as *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Twenty of the twenty-four Councils in this jurisdiction were represented. Total membership, four thousand four hundred and fifty-seven; net gain, ninety-three for 1893.

Comp. WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE, Grand Master, being confined to his house by sickness, forwarded his Address, which was read by the Acting Grand Master, and it was a fine report of the administration of the affairs of his office.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, and covers fifty pages of solid matter; and it is a credit to him and to Cryptic Masonry on our native heath. He quotes liberally (seven pages) of our former report, and gives it a fair and just hearing, for which we return him our thanks, and will do so in person in 1895 if the good LORD does not call for us too soon.

The poverty of our Treasury admonishes us to "cut it short," and we reluctantly have to leave only the stump of our spoke in the "Hub."

Comp. J. ALBERT BLAKE was elected Grand Master, and Comp. SERANUS BOWEN re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, assembled at Scottish Rite Cathedral, on Lafayette avenue, in the city of Detroit, on Monday, January 16, A. D. 1893, A. Dep. 2893.

Comp. HORACE E. HATCH, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Fifty Councils, the *whole number* in that jurisdiction, were represented.

The motto of this State might also be well applied to that Grand Secret Vault. Total membership in 1892, three thousand three hundred and sixty; net gain, two hundred and ninety. *Well done!*

The Address of the Grand Master shows the earnest, conscientious and indefatigable worker. He has *hatched* a full "Alabama" (the 290), and now becomes a *layman* again and to enjoy the fruit of his labors.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE, and covers sixty pages, and we can truly say to this Grand Secret Vault:—

> O Michigan, not one of all the Mystic Shrine
> In *nobility* can compare with thine.
> Well stocked in knowledge and adroit
> Is this Companion at Detroit.

(The mill is stopped.)

Comp. FRANK N. CLARK was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

The twenty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Temple at St. Paul, on Monday, October 9th, A. D., 1893, A. Dep. 2893, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M.

Comp. CHARLES D. BOYCE, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The nine Councils in this jurisdiction were represented. Membership, seven hundred and sixty-seven. Net gain for the year, eighteen.

The Grand Master's Address is an able report of his administration and upon the Condition of the Rite, in that he completely gives the status of our own, as follows:—

"In common with all business institutions, the Councils during the past year have had the gravest financial difficulties standing in the way of great progress, and, considering the stagnation in business, I feel that the report of your Committee on Returns shows a very encouraging condition as to gain in membership, even though in actual numbers it may fall below other and brighter years."

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, as usual. He gives California two and a-half pages, and we sincerely regret for reasons already stated that we cannot fully reciprocate as his able report deserves.

Comp. GEORGE E. WARNER was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

The thirty-eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Mississippi was held in the hall of *Natchez* Council, No. 1, at Natchez, on February 7th, A. D. 1893, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M.

Comp. FREDERIC SPEED, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. JOHN L. POWER keeping the minutes of the work.

Ten Councils (out of the eleven in this jurisdiction) were represented. Total membership, three hundred and nine.

The Grand Master's Address commands our admiration for its scholarly ability, its eloquence and its staunch firmness to convictions of principle and justice from his standpoint, though we do not concur in all of his views; but to be consistent he could not do otherwise than to take the position he assumes, and, in one respect at least, we are sustained in our recommendation expressed to make the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters also attainable to those who have received the Degrees of A. and A. S. Rite in the Lodge of Perfection.

The Grand Council of Princes· of Jerusalem of Mississippi was the mother of that Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and by its mandate the Convention, which formed the latter, was convened at Natchez, January 2, 1856, and it became an independent Grand Body. The

(mother or) Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem expired soon after the late Civil War began, and he further says:—

"And there now remains but one living member, our beloved Companion JAMES WATTS, 32°, who sat with us in our last Assembly *by virtue of his membership as a Prince.*"

Comp. OSGOODBY, of New York, especially take notice.

If such things be, we may expect interdicts of non-intercourse with the Grand Council of Mississippi, for upholding and maintaining the ancient rights and privileges lawfully conveyed to that Grand Council. Comp. DRUMMOND would say "there is too much Scottish Rite in Mississippi," and, therefore, slow down your *Speed*."

There is no Report on Correspondence for financial reasons, and Comp. POWER, as Grand Recorder, "working for nothing and boarding himself" that Miss ANNIE WALTER, the daughter of a deceased companion, might receive the annual appropriation of fifty dollars to assist her in her studies at the Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia. "By the POWERS," if that is not knightly courtesy and true Masonry we do not know what is. All honor and praise to that companion.

Comp. FREDERIC SPEED was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. JOHN L. POWER re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri assembled in Freemasons' Hall, St. Louis, on Wednesday, April 26th, A. D. 1893, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Comp. ULRICH SCHNEIDER, *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Six Councils out of the eight of this jurisdiction were represented. Total membership, four hundred and seventy-one; net increase for the previous year, ninety-two, or more than twenty-four per cent.

The Grand Master's Address is an enthusiastic paper, and shows the earnest and unfaltering devotion to his official trust, and that his duties have been most faithfully performed. We congratulate him upon the success of his administration and of his labors.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. WM. H. MAYO, and covers thirty-two pages and devotes two and a half pages to California; and we are glad to know that Missouri, the mother of Masonry on the Pacific Coast, is rejoicing in prosperity, although she has so many daughters to the westward, to whom she has furnished their original sheepskins and divided with them her blue blanket of Masonic charity, and to them surrendered her maternal authority. Accept our filial congratulations and fraternal good wishes.

Comp. WILLIAM F. KUHN was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

1892.

The thirty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons' Hall in the city of Concord on Monday, May 16th, A. D. 1892, Anno Dep. 2892.

Comp. GEORGE H. EVERETT, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The eleven Councils of this jurisdiction were represented. Total membership for 1892 is one thousand one hundred and ninety-five; increase for the year, sixty-eight.

The Address of the Grand Master is a tender and an affectionate one, which exhibits a faithful spirit of devotion and fidelity to duties performed while suffering from illness and bodily infirmity.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, and embraces forty-two pages. In reference to California of 1891 he says: "The Report on Correspondence is one of Comp. HUBBARD'S best." We suppose he refers to Comp. THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL, to whom the compliment is due.

Comp. GEORGE H. EVERETT was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES re-elected Grand Recorder.

1893.

The thirty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons' Hall in the city of Concord on Monday, May 15th, A. D. 1893, Anno Dep. 2893.

Comp. GEORGE H. EVERETT, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, as Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Eight out of the eleven Councils of this jurisdiction were represented. Total membership, one thousand two hundred and ninety-seven; increase for 1893, one hundred and two.

The Address of the Grand Master not only expressed hopefulness but was cheering as the sunlight of a May morning when the dew glistens in prismatic hues on the rose bushes and blades of grass. His duties certainly had been faithfully and well performed, and Cryptic Masonry had prospered in his hands.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES and covers forty-six pages, of which one and a half pages are given to California. It is a review which shows that Comp. CLEAVES is a level-headed man with good judgment and careful in his decisions. He asks the question in his conclusion as follows:—

"Where did the degrees originate? Like most writers, we don't know. In a report to the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, in 1848, our lamented Companion, JOHN CHRISTIE, said:—

"'From all information at hand, it appears the degrees of Royal and Select Masters were originally brought to the United States from Europe

by 'Sublime Freemasons,' and probably before the revolution. They were conferred by Councils of Princes of Jerusalem and Lodges of Perfection. It may be proper here to remark that the Councils and Lodges just named constitute a part of the Ancient and Accepted Rite which consists of thirty-three degrees, including the symbolic degrees. This Rite of Masonry (which Sublime Masons contend is the legitimate Rite) has no relation whatever to Royal Arch Masonry, as it exists in the United States.

"'The Grand Councils of Princes of Jerusalem for the States of New York and New Hampshire, in their 'Mandates and Decrees,' or regulations, expressly claim the right of conferring the degrees of Select Masons of twenty-seven, as having been vested from time immemorial in such Councils. The degrees of Royal and Select Masters were left in Charleston, S. C., in 1783, through a Brother MYERS. They were given in Baltimore from the Sublime Masons of Charleston. From Maryland they were afterwards transmitted abroad over the United States by Comp. JEREMY L. CROSS and others.

"'In regard to the rightful jurisdiction over these degrees, we would observe that in a circular issued by the Supreme Council of the 33d degree (which is the supreme head of the Accepted Rite) at Charleston, S. C., in the year A. D. 1802, the degree of 'Select Masons' is named as one of the degrees over which that body has jurisdiction. It appears that the authority exercised by Comp. CROSS, in establishing Councils of Royal and Select Masters, was entirely self-assumed.'

"We cannot certify to the correctness of Comp. CHRISTIE'S views on this subject; we give it as showing an opinion of forty-five years ago."

Comp. JAMES C. BADGER was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

The M.·. P.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York convened in its eighty-fourth Annual Assembly in the City of New York, on Tuesday, September 5, 1893, Anno Dep. 2893, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Comp. ALEXANDER B. KING, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. GEORGE VAN VLIET, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Twenty-five of the twenty-seven Councils of this jurisdiction were represented. Total membership, three thousand five hundred and thirteen; net increase, one hundred and sixty-six.

The Grand Master's Address is one worthy of the highest officer of the Cryptic Rite in the "Empire State," and is an imperial document covering seventeen pages, and proves the fidelity of a true, thorough and competent administrative officer. We are sorry that we are limited to such small space that we cannot say more.

The Report on Correspondence is by that genial and able Companion GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, and embraces forty-three pages of solid matter, showing thorough gleaning and careful sifting in the field in which he has labored. Two pages are devoted to California, and in the main he agrees with us in our opinions; and under the head of Missouri says:—

"Well, we have heard the story as to the degrees coming from the A. and A. S. Rite so often that we have to stop and think whether we really

ought to believe it. Masonic bodies of the present day have much more for which they are indebted to the A. A. Scottish Rite, perhaps more than is realized by many at the present day. What would you say, Comps. MAYO and SHERMAN, if we could point out a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar now in active life and one of the most prominent in this country, which was originally instituted and organized *by officers of the Scottish Rite as such!*"

To which we reply that it would be no news to us, and that it was within the boundaries of his own State and by the spurious Cerneau frauds, and we know its history thoroughly. And as to the Cryptic Degrees coming from the A. and A. S. Rite, besides other authority we would refer him to the "Defense of the A. and A. S. Rite" by the late and lamented ALBERT PIKE, published in 1867 in the Memphis *Appeal*, against the attacks of the late GEORGE FRANK GOULAY, the publisher of the St. Louis *Freemason*, who demanded that the A. and A. S. Rite should admit none into a Lodge of Perfection except Royal Arch Masons, and none into the Council of Kadosh but Knights Templar. These were prerequisites which were demanded with a vengeance, but sternly denied. The result was: charges preferred, trial by 33ds all Knights Templar, and expulsion from the A. and A. S. Rite "as a foresworn Mason and disloyal Knight." The punishment was just, severe and effective, followed by sincere repentance, asking forgiveness, pardon granted, and restoration to good standing, shortly before the spirit of Comp. GOULAY took its flight amidst the flames of the burning Linden Hotel in St. Louis.

We have no desire to bring forth unpleasant records or call up painful memories, and prefer to let "the dead bury the dead." But in the search for truth and authorities, we are compelled to revert to facts, no matter how distasteful they may be, while we are amply fortified with the proofs.

But for reasons already repeatedly given, we have to cut our review short. So good by, Comp. OSGOODBY, for the present, as I must hurry over to "Spain," New Jersey.

Comp. GEORGE A. NEWELL was elected Grand Master, and Comp. GEORGE VAN VLIET re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Ohio met in its sixty-third Annual Assembly at Commandery Hall, Marietta, Ohio, on Tuesday, at 9 o'clock A. M., September 26, A. D. 1893, Anno Dep. 2893.

Comp. EDWIN MORRELL, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, *R.·. I.·.* Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Fifty-one (and all) of the Councils of this jurisdiction were represented.

Total membership, three thousand eight hundred and eighteen. Net increase, one hundred and fifty-two.

Comp. ARTHUR P. CRANE, Representative from California, was present.

The Address of the Grand Master is a justly congratulatory one upon the

condition of the Cryptic Rite in the "Buckeye State," which ranks among the very first in the United States, not only in the number of Councils and membership, but also in devotion and zealous labor in the Secret Vault.

A fine set of official jewels were presented to this Grand Council by Comp. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, *P.·. M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, *fac simile* representations of which appear in the pages of the proceedings.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, and covers fifty-seven pages, seven of which are devoted to California, that largely engrosses his attention. We are sorry that, for reasons already expressed, we cannot return the compliment. He flies the track in argument, and ingloriously retreats, after delivering his fire, under the pretext of umbrage taken at our remarks in our illustration of his illogical reasoning.

He says of us:—

"He quotes liberally from this Address (of the Grand Master) and more so from the historical sketch of our Grand Council, by our veteran Comp. JOHN D. CALDWELL, but a little further on he becomes *so impertinent that we leave him and his report.* Readers of this report will not find it necessary to have his offensive language pointed out."

The language we used was *pertinent* to his inconsistency and not "*impertinent*," or intended in the least to be offensive, and with our meaning and illustration which was only used in a Masonic sense, and as our illustrious and lamented Comp. ALBERT G. MACKEY would have used it in the same simile of a profane being born into Freemasonry, and in the same sense we used it concerning himself in regard to his mother Council of the Cryptic Rite; and that we may not be misunderstood, we will point the language which he terms as "impertinent and offensive," and which is as follows, after the following preliminary.

In the same report, which we reviewed last year, of Ohio, appears the history of the Cryptic Rite, by Comp. CALDWELL, containing the Scottish Rite authority which planted and organized the first Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Ohio, in 1827, and in which Comp. WILLIAMS had his Masonic birth by legitimate descent under that original authority, and quoting from us, he says:—

"He speaks of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, A. and A. S. Rite, as being the *natural* and *legal* mother of the Cryptic Degrees." He asks, "Can he sustain this position by proof? If so, we would like to see it."

Following the metaphor in the line of argument, he doubting the legitimacy of the source from which he derived his Masonic birth as a Royal and Select Master, which was astonishing to us, we said:—

"This is the first time that we ever read of an individual questioning the legitimacy of his own birth, the virtue of his own mother that bore him, as well as her own lawful ancestry from which she sprang. We will turn him over to Comp. CALDWELL, of his own Grand Council, who will lead him again through the Nine Arches, though it may not take him nine months to emerge from the Secret Vault a second time."

The receiving of any of the degrees of Masonry is a Masonic birth to the candidate, and the cable-tow is but the umbilical chord, which is released when brought to light, and there is not a Masonic scholar but what knows it to be such, and we used that language solely in a Masonic sense, and none other, and Comp. WILLIAMS knew it at the time, but makes of it a pretext to cover a retreat from a poor argument; for he fully knows, also, that we could have had no intent whatever to apply any such construction as he intimates, as being "impertinent" or "offensive," and there is not a fair-minded man, who knows anything at all about Masonry, would misconstrue our language and metaphor as Comp. WILLIAMS intimates. "*Honi soit qui mal y pense.*"

We have no cause to be ashamed of the figure of speech, the language used, or apology to make for the motive prompting it; while we totally disclaim and protest against the false application he would make of it. It is, as Comp. PIKE would say, "a quibble on his part," and he had better roast his buckeyes and take the bitter out of them, for his digestion will be the better for it, and Cryptic Masonry will not suffer by it; for true Masonry, like charity, "is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil," and the whole corps on fraternal correspondence, with all their knowledge, can only say, "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."

Comp. EDWIN MORRELL was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania held its forty-seventh Annual Assembly at Masonic Hall, Williamsport, Wednesday, February 8, A. D. 1893, Anno Dep. 2893.

Comp. CHARLES C. BAER, *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Ten out of the twenty Councils of this jurisdiction were represented.

Total membership, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen. Net increase for the previous year, sixty-one.

The Grand Master's Address covers eleven pages of close printed and solid matter, and is a faithful report of the condition of Cryptic Masonry in the "Keystone State." As a business man, he would be very thorough in taking an account of stock. He says:—

"It is a matter of great pleasure to me that I can report to you that the Rite throughout the jurisdiction is very prosperous, and that the utmost harmony prevails."

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. JAMES E. STEVENSON, who succeeds Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER as chairman of the committee, and his review covers twenty pages, is well written, exhibits keen perception, and the faculty of condensing *multum in parvo*. He gives nearly a page to California, and we enjoy its *facetia*. Our then Grand Master, *M.·. I.·.* WM. FRANK PIERCE, is a Pennsylvanian, having been born in Erie, of that

State. We extend a cordial welcome to Comp. STEVENSON to the reportorial corps, and trust he will become the crown of the keystone of the Ninth Arch.

Comp. D. GALE FRENCH was elected *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER re-elected Grand Recorder.

This Grand Council held its forty-eighth Annual Assembly at Harrisburg, Pa., on February 14, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894.

M.·. I.·. D. GALE FRENCH, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JOSHUA L. LYTE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The proceedings are not complete, containing only the Grand Master's Address and the Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

The list of officers elected and appointed we have received by letter. As these have been received just before going to press we regret that we are compelled to forego the pleasure of presenting a review of the interesting Address of the Grand Master, or of the Report on Correspondence which their merit deserves.

Ill.·. Comp. STEVENSON expresses the opinion that we are *Milesian* in our methods. He is utterly mistaken for our origin is of Plymouth Rock and not the *Sham Rock*, though there was a *Miles Standish* who also landed from the Mayflower with our ancestor near the spot where we were born nearly sixty-five years ago.

The death of *Ill.·.* Comp. Past Grand Master CHARLES C. BAER is announced by letter of March 28th (his death occurring on that date) to *Ill.·.* THOMAS H. CASWELL, Grand Recorder, from *Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES E. STEVENSON.

Ill.·. Comp. JOEL S. CABY was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JOSHUA L. LYTE re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

The forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Tennessee was begun and held at Freemason's Hall in the city of Nashville, on Monday, January 29th, A. D. 1894, Anno Dep. 2894.

Comp. J. H. MCCLISTER, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. W. A. CLENDENING, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Thirteen of the sixteen subordinate Councils were represented. Total membership, five hundred and eighteen. Net increase, twelve.

Comp. JOHN B. GARRETT, Representative from California, being present.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief but encouraging, and he gives due credit to his immediate predecessor for the prosperous condition of the Rite in his State. That is just and honorable and a credit to himself.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

Comp. T. O. MORRIS was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. W. A. CLENDENING re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

The fortieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont was held in the hall of *Burlington* Council, No. 5, R. and S. M., in the city of Burlington on Tuesday, the 13th day of June, A. D. 1893, A. Dep. 2893.

Comp. EDWIN O. HIBBARD, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Eighteen Councils out of the twenty of this jurisdiction were represented. The number of the membership is one thousand and five.

Comp. GEORGE W. WING, Representative from California, was present.

The Address of the Grand Master is as fraternal and sweet as the maple sugar of his own "Green Mountain State" and covers four pages. He says:—

"We need something to inspire us with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. The ceremonies of our degrees are beautiful and impressive and worthy of our best efforts, and, as we come to know more of them and their lessons, the more we shall love the Cryptic Rite.

"So far as I have been able to learn from the returns in the hands of the Grand Recorder the amount of the work done during the past year by the subordinate Councils will compare favorably with the preceding year."

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. HENRY H. Ross, which embraces thirty-eight pages, four of which are devoted to California. His *Verbum Sap.* seem to be the last of the run and when boiled down will not granulate into sugar, for it comes from a sapling and not the full grown tree. He speaks of "We, *young men* of the nineteenth century, etc." To which we reply with the admonition: "Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations, ask thy fathers and they will show thee; thy elders and they will teach thee." For young men have seen light and dwelt upon the earth; but the way of knowledge have they not known, nor understood the paths thereof, nor laid hold of it; their children were far off from that way, the authors of fables and searchers out of understanding; none of these have known the way of wisdom, or remember her path.

"My son, if thou wilt, thou shalt be taught; and if thou wilt apply thy mind thou shalt be prudent. If thou love to hear, thou shalt receive understanding, and if thou bow thine ear and are not stiff-necked thou shalt be wise. Miss not the discourse of the elders, for they also learned of their fathers, and of them thou shalt learn understanding and to give answer as need requireth," and be thou not always verdant for thou thyself shalt wax old in time if thou art not cut off in thine green tree. Such is our paternal reply to Comp. H. H. Ross.

Comp. EDWIN O. HIBBABD was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

Your committee greatly regret that the funds of the Grand Council have necessarily limited the space for a review of the proceedings of the other Grand Councils, which their merits deserve, and the controversies aroused by the running of a deep subsoil plow which has gone under the shallow workings of the moles, and turned them over and thrown them out upon the surface to the light of the sun, and in doing so, cherished ideas, biased opinions and statements, have caused some of those who have differed with us to fall into that condition mentioned by DRAPER, in his "Intellectual Development of Europe," "aware of the fallacy of their opinions, get angry that another should remind them thereof," and they have lost their temper to a certain degree; but *magna est veritas et prevalebit.*

As a matter of truth, to sustain our position, and fortified by the historical facts as to the original authority over the Cryptic Degrees and in confirmation of our statements heretofore made in our previous reports, the following Grand Councils, immediately through the subordinates which created them, derived their existence as follows:—

From the Southern Supreme Council direct, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. By its authority to JOHN BARKER, 33°, Inspector General, Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana and Ohio. By JEREMY L. CROSS, 33°, in the Southern Jurisdiction, Virginia; in the Northern Jurisdiction, Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Mediately through the Scottish line above mentioned, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Total by Southern Supreme Council direct, *eight;* by BARKER, as deputy, *four;* by CROSS, *seven;* making *nineteen* who had their direct origin from the Southern Supreme Council. The number indirect from the original progenitor, *nine.* Making in all *twenty-eight* Grand Councils from their Scottish Rite mother and grandmother. And this is confirmed by *Ill.·.* Comp. EUGENE GRISSOM, 33°, of the Southern Supreme Council, in his history of the Cryptic Rite. It is not now a question of jurisdiction, for all are independent of themselves, but as to the original progenitor and authority, there cannot reasonably be any further question.

We have protested against the proposed augmentation of the Cryptic Rite, by adding thereto the Degree of "*Perfect Master,*" as was proposed by Comp. WARVILLE, of Illinois, and the further spoliation of the A. and A. S. Rite, by robbing it of one of its degrees, or even the name of a degree, and then make the whole prerequisite to receiving something else, and falsely claiming the same to be the "York Rite," which is made of clean cut stones squared in the quarries, and not of rubble and cement that will disintegrate and crumble.

We bear no ill-will to any of our contemporaries who may differ with us, different motives, objects and desires, which have animated them in the discussion with their right of opinion to differ (which has in no way

been disputed by us), may have produced temporarily a little acrimony of feeling on their part by our freedom of expression and facetia; which is peculiar and natural to the Pacific Coast, and to which they seem not to be accustomed; but are unwisely squeamish and sensitive, and remind us of the old maid who remarked that she could not bear children, when a faithful mother replied to her, "perhaps you would like them better if you could."

But our labor is done, though it has been performed as it were under a hay or cotton press, by financial necessity of our Grand Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN A. SHERMAN,
Chairman.

The acting Grand Master announced the election of Grand Officers as the next business in order, and having appointed Companions EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN and CLIVE WILLIAM PORTER, to act as tellers, the election proceeded with the following result:—

The *M.·. I.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON was elected Grand Master;

The *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT was elected Deputy Grand Master;

The *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Works;

The *R.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer;

The *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Recorder.

The acting Grand Master announced the following Special Committee—

On the death of Grand Master David Pugh Marshall, — Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, " WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, " WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES.

The Grand Council was then called off until one o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Monday April 16, Anno. Dep. 2894.

The Grand Council was called on at one o'clock, the Deputy Grand Master presiding.

Comp. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, from the Special Committee to whom had been referred the Address of the acting *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, presented the following Report:—

To the Grand Council of the State of California:—

Your committee have examined the able Address of our Acting Grand Master, and would respectfully report: That in view of the business depression prevailing during the past year, we are glad that matters are no worse than they are.

We have made an advance, and to-day are stronger than ever; and we confidently hope that as the clouds roll by, the work of the S. V. will be resumed and prosecuted with increased vigor.

There is nothing that we can add to the touching words in which the death of our Grand Master is announced Those of us who personally knew him can bear witness that he was a good man and a true Mason. We recommend that an appropriate mourning page be inserted in our Proceedings.

We concur in the recommendation that a committee be appointed with power to act on the circular of Comp. COOLEY. The few official acts of the Grand Master appear to have been in accordance with law and for the benefit of the Craft. The usual peace and harmony prevail in the jurisdiction, and the outlook is as favorable as could be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE,
CHARLES *E* STONE.

Which report was concurred in, and the recommendations adopted.

Comp. CHARLES *E* STONE, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances are pleased to report that harmony and good fellowship prevail in this jurisdiction, and that no appeals or grievances have been submitted to us for our consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

C. *E* STONE,
P. S. LAWSON.

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, from the Committee on Finances and Returns, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Finance and Returns beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and find them correct.

We have also examined and checked the receipts in the Grand Recorder's office and the vouchers paid in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, and find the balance in cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer at this date to be $436.55.

We commend these Grand Officers for the manner in which their accounts have been kept, and the good order in which we find their books and papers, thereby making the work of your committee very light.

We find that the revenue of this Grand Council from its subordinates was less this year than last, and admonishes us that in order to enable the Grand Council to be able to pay its expenses promptly it will be necessary to exercise the utmost economy in all branches of its expenditures.

Your committee therefore would recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Grand Recorder's salary	$125 00
Grand Sentinel's salary	7 50
Grand Organist's salary	7 50
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence	65 00
Contingent expenses, Grand Recorder's office	40 00
Printing proceedings	100 00
Expenses Grand Master to visit subordinate Councils	150 00
	$495 00

All which is fraternally submitted,

C. E. GILLETT,
JAMES B. MERRITT,
THOMAS KYLE.

Which report was concurred in and the appropriations ordered as recommended.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Special Committee on the death of our late Grand Master, *M.·. I.·.* DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California:—

The subject of this brief memoir, our Friend and Companion, DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, commenced his earthly career in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1822. Of Quaker parentage, he inherited those sterling qualities

for which that noble sect is noted, and which characterized our companion as the embodiment and soul of honor, integrity, justice and charity.

Patriotism and love of country were firmly grounded in his nature, and we find him as a young man enlisted in the Mexican war, under the banner of Col. JACK HAYES, the fearless commander of that well known band of "Texas Rangers."

Soon after that we find him engaged in mining enterprises in our adopted home, California. In 1861 he came to this city, where for thirty-two successive years, up to the time of his demise, January 20, 1894, he was connected with the San Francisco Gaslight Company, and recognized by that company as a man of ability, thoroughly conscientious and honest to his employers; just, charitable and kind to those under him. He was quiet in his demeanor, but when occasion required, his true nature shone forth in defense of principle and the right, with all the ardor, bravery and courage which command respect and admiration,

His marriage in this city, to one who also sprung from Quaker lineage, proved to be an element of sincere happiness in his social and domestic relations.

His Masonic career commenced in 1858, when Light was revealed to him in Rising Star Lodge, No. 83, located in what was then known as Todd's Valley, Placer county, California. After becoming a resident of this city, he affiliated with California Lodge, No. 1, F. and A. M., and California Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M. He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in *California* Council, No. 2, in 1863, and the orders of Knighthood in California Commandery, No. 1, K. T., in 1862.

His Masonic worth being recognized, he was chosen to represent the Chapter as its High Priest for the years 1887 and 1888. He also served the Council as its Thrice Illustrious Master for 1886. Both these positions he filled with credit to himself and honor to the Craft.

He served this Grand Council as its Grand Captain of the Guards for the year 1887, Grand Principal Conductor of the Works for 1888 and 1889, and Deputy Grand Master for 1890, 1891 and 1892. On April 17, 1893, he was elected *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master, and when, January 20, 1894, "*God's finger touched him and he slept,*" he was called to represent this Grand Council in the Celestial Grand Council above, where the weary cease from their labors and are at rest.

Kind friend and companion, with full hearts we say, *Peace be with you.*

Fraternally submitted,

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
WM. FRANK PIERCE,
WM. A. DAVIES,
Committee.

Which report was concurred in by a rising vote of the Grand Council.

The acting Grand Master announced the following Companions as a Special Committee on "contributions to the Archives of the General Grand Council."

On History of this Grand Council, { Comp. CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, " EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, " THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz:—

The *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE.....as..*Grand Chaplain;*
" " " HENRY ASCROFT.....as..*Grand Capt. of the Guards;*
" " " ROBERT ASH.....as..*Grand Conductor of Council;*
" " " CHARLES LORD FIELD.....as..*Grand Lecturer;*
" " " AUGUST WACKERBARTH....as..*Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER....as..*Grand Organist;*
" " JAMES OGLESBY.....as..*Grand Sentinel.*

The Grand Officers were then installed in their respective stations by Past Grand Master WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, assisted by Past Grand Master JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, as Master of the Ceremonies.

The Grand Master announced the following committee—

On Correspondence: { Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, " CHARLES *E* STONE, " AUGUST WACKERBARTH.

The business of the Grand Council being all completed, the minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Council of California was closed in *Ample Form.*

GEORGE PENLINGTON,
Grand Master.

Attest:
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

This Mourning Page,

BY ORDER OF THE M.·. I.·. GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF CALIFORNIA,

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

Comp. David Pugh Marshall,

Who was born in the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio, in the year 1822, and who died in the City of San Francisco, State of California, on the twentieth day of January, 1894.

HE HAD BEEN

High Priest of California Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.;
Thrice Ill. Master of California Council, No. 2, R. and S. M.;
Prelate of California Commandery, No. 1, K. T.;

AND AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH WAS

GRAND MASTER

Of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California.

A Mason of generous thoughts and charitable deeds,
A sincere friend, a useful and trusted citizen,
He leaves us nought but pleasant memories,
And grief for his untimely death.

Carey, John Thomas
Carroll, Edgar Barclay
Carroll, Harry Winans
Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, Bernard Henry
Chapman, George Warren
Church, William Smithers
Clark, Jerome Franklin
Cluness, William Robert
Cohn, Edward Francis
Coker, Gould Carlton
Coleman, Edward
Coleman, Timothy
Conaway, George Winfield
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin
Coppersmith, Michael Thos.
Cothrin, William Kip
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cunningham, John Austin
Curtis, Henry Chittenden
Dale, Richard
Davis, James Gilliland
Decker, Horace Washington
Delano, Ira Lemuel
Dennery, Alphonse
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Dierssen, George Ernest August
Dixon, William Henry
Dresbach, William
Dresher, Valentine
Eilers, Theodore George
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Fay, Newton Murray
Ferguson, William Redmond
Flemming, Frank
Flye, Charles Eben
Forbes, Robert
Foster, James Stewart
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frahm, Claus
Frank, Samuel
Frates, Frank
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frost, Amos Locke
Fulweiler, John Mathias
Gable, Harvey Clinton
Gagnon, Alfred
Frommelt, Hugo
Gallatin, Albert
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew, Jr.
Gillis, Dougald
Goss, Charles Richard
Graham, Louis Edgar
Gray, Alexander Isaac
Gray, Arthur Irvine
Gregory, Eugene Julius
Gregory, Frank
Gruhler, John
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Mosheim Schmucker
Harris, David
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, James Darrow
Hatch, Wilbur Mark
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heintzelman, Taylor Washington
Herzog, Philip
Hevener, William Henry
Hollister, Dwight
Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Howell, Sidney Algernon
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Huggins, Henri Tyler
Hull, Joseph
Hunt, John Alexander
Hyman, Daniel

Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, William Franklin
Johnson, Hiram Warren
Johnston, William
Jones, William Rowland
Just, John Peter
Ketcham, Marvin Alonzo
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Lardner, William Branson
Levison, Jacob
Lewis, Samuel Amanzo
Lightner, Bonus
Little, Christopher
Lyon, Edward
Lubeck, David Wlademer
Lufkins, Harry Tileston
Martin, Charles
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McArthur, John
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McGlashan, Charles Fayette
McKee, Edwin Hervey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
Meister, August
Menke, Anton
Mills, James Edgar
Nathan, Samuel
Neff, Jacob Hart
Nelson, Clarence Newton
Nevis, Manuel Silva
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Ochsner, John
Olney, Cephas Charles
O'Neil, James
Ottman, Gilbert Almon
Pacheco, Romualdo
Peterson, William Frederick
Phillips, Louis
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Platt, Philemon Eli
Putnam, George Alfred
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Reid, Thomas Benton
Richards, John
Roberts, Robert William
Robinson, Robert
Rohrer, Frederick William
Ross, Henry Ackson
Runyon, Solomon
Scheunert, Carl Emil
Schroth, John George
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Thomas
Stanley, Leander
Steffens, Joseph
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stephens, John Dickson
Stevens, Charles Henry
Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Sweany, John
Taverner, George
Todd, Thomas Milton
Tufts, Albert Currier
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Variel, Robert Henry Fauntleroy
Vermilya, Abram John
Webster, Joseph Richard
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Whitelaw, John
White, George Amos
Wilder, Joel Osgood
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Young, John Nelles—214.

WITHDRAWN:

Oliver, Alexander Gibson
Pockman, Thomas Cross—2.

DIED:

Taverner, Thomas Moore — Vaughan, Cornelius Lewis Neville—2

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	209	Withdrawn	2
Greeted	9—218.	Died	2
		Now borne upon the roll	214—218.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL. No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Robert Ash, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Robert Andrew Walker, *D. Ill. M.*,
Joseph Gardner Baston, *P. C. of W.*,
Charles Lord Field, *Treasurer*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Recorder*,
Warren Dean Woodbury, *C. of G'd*,
John Randolph Daggett, *Conductor*,
Cyrus Moody Plummer, *Steward*,
Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
James Oglesby, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Thomas Kyle, *P. G. M.*,
William Thomas Reynolds, *P.G.M.*,
Franklin Henry Day, *P. G. M.*,
Charles Lord Field, *P. G. M.*,
Isaac Stanwood Locke,
George Penlington,
Edward Potter Cressey,
Henry Ascroft.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Adolph
Allen, Richard Spicer
Ames, Frank Holmes
Anderson, James Wright
Andrews, Abraham
Anthony, Edward Taylor
Armer, Andrew Milton
Armstrong, George Robert
Armstrong, Rudolph
Atkinson, Thomas Thompson
Badger, William Gilman
Baker, Charles Henry
Baldwin, Alfred Walton
Baldwin, Sherman Charles
Bangs, Edward
Barclay, Robert Henry
Barclay, Peter Thomas
Bassett, Charles Follen
Baum, David Andrew
Benedict, Courtland Smith
Bingham, William Alexander
Birch, William Henry
Black, Howard
Blossom, Henry Eckford
Bone, Charles
Bonney, Charles Sumner
Boop, John Daniel
Bragg, Robert
Breon, Paul
Brinckerhoff, Herman
Broder, Robert Chidley
Bromley, George Tisdale
Browell, Jeremiah
Brown, Henry Adams
Brown, William Anderson
Brown, William Graham
Browne, John Mills
Browne, Thomas Henry
Bruce, James Henderson
Bruce, William Young

Bruns, Henry Bernhard
Bunker, Robert Elmer
Burt, James Gardner
Burtis, Robert Wallace
Calier, James *M*
Callinan, William
Campbell, Frederick
Campbell, Lucien Daniel
Campbell, Vernon
Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Carr, John George
Chapin, Dinsmore Davis
Charles, Abner Elias
Chesley, Charles Palmer
Christesen, Martin August C.
Christian, Ceasar
Christie, James Alexander
Clark, George Dickson
Clark, John Franklin
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Coburn, Clarence Wooster
Code, Philip *D*
Cohen, Philip
Cole, Richard Beverly
Coleman, Carlton Chinn
Coleman, William Warren
Cressy, Albert
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Charles Frederic
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Crowley, Timothy Jay
Culver, James Henry
Curry, John
Curtis, John Morrison
Dall, Peter Peterson
Daniel, William Lyon
Davis, Henry Harvey
Davis, Jacob Zeigler
Davis, Winfield Scott
Dean, Peter
Decker, Charles William
Dennis, Samuel William
Dickinson, John Henry
Dietterle, George
Doane, John Osborne
Doane, Micah
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dominguez, Richard Arthur
Dorn, Marcellus Americus
Doud, Aaron
Dougherty, Charles Medley
Douglas, George Willard
Dragomanovich, Spiro *S G*
Driffield, Vero Carus
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty
Dunn, James
Dunne, James Patrick
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edelman, Charles
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edmondson, John George
Edwards, Henry
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Edwards, William Harvey
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Eklund, John Peter
Elliot, Charles Emery
Evans, Chester Hepburn
Evans, Joseph John
Everett, Daniel Henry
Ewen, Oliver
Ewing, James Stanley
Fargo, Jerome Bonaparte
Farrell, Edward
Field, Alfred Bishop
Filkins, Charles Wesley
Firth, Joseph Kirk
Fisher, Henry
Fiske, Henry Mortimer
Flint, Brilsford Pease
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Folger, George Edwin
Foster, Arthur William
Fox, John *G*
Frenzel, Godman August

Frolich, Theodore
Gagnon, Michael
Gallagher, John Patrick
Gamble, Samuel
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Getz, Marcus
Giles, Frederick *N*
Goldwater, Morris
Goodban, Francis Edward
Graham, William Findley
Grauerholz, Henry John
Graves, Charles Henry
Graves, Hiram Augustus
Graves, Hiram Throop
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Greenhood, Hugo Oscar
Griffin, John Wesley
Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn
Gritman, Charles Ray
Gullixson, Henry Ferdinand
Haas, David Leopold
Hale, Reuben Brooks
Hall, Robert
Hallett, Alonzo
Halsted, James LaFayette
Hammond, Andrew Benoni
Hammond, John
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hansen, Carl Christian A.
Hare, Elias *C*
Hatch, Augustus Timothy
Hatch, James Henry
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hellwig, Christian
Highton, Henry Edward
Hildebrandt, Carsten
Hobbs, John Kemble Carlton
Hoffman, Harry Nathaniel
Holden, Samuel Emery
Hopkins, Peter
Hopkins, Timothy
Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Huested, Orson Justus
Hurlbut, Reuben Preston
Iredale, Charles Winslow
Jeffers, Milo Sydney
Jellison, Benjamin Franklin
Jenks, George Washington
Jennings, Charles Brooks
Jewett, George Albert
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, George
Johnson, Mathias
Jones, Edward Campbell
Jones, William Arthur
Jones, William Roderick
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Jost, Joseph
Jost, William Reinhard
Kent, Thaddeus Benning
Kenyon, Curtis George
Kern, Morris James
Kerr, David
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Charles James
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Knight, Edmund Ewell
Knorp, Albert Frederick
Koenig, Frank
Kohler, Henry
Kohn, Isaack
Kramer, Louis George
Krieg, Anton
Lacey, Albert Ernest
Landgrebe, Robert George
Lane, William Edmund
Lawson, Andrew
Lazelle, Henry Daniel
Levy, Isidore Nathan
Levy, Jacob

Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Lind, Charles
Litchfield, Joseph Miller
Little, George Edward
Lloyd, Reuben Hedley
Loane, Francis Marion
Logan, Milburne Hill
Logan, Thomas Emerson
Lo Presti, Anthony
Lowell, Albert Carroll
Lucas, John William
Lucas, Walter Edward
Lux, Frank Antoin
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lyon, William Henry
Mack, John George
Magnin, Simson
Manheim, Henry Simon
Martinez, Francis Nich. Raoul
McCarty, James
McClure, Stewart
McCreary, Daniel
McCullough, Henry Van Schaick
McFarland, Abel
McGann, Patrick Henry
McKay, Thomas
McLea, Arthur
McMillan, Robert
McNab, James
Mecklenberg, Joseph
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Meigs, John *J*
Mentz, John Henry
Meston, Robert
Meyer, Julius
Mills, Edward Tyrrel Bisset
Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Moore, Arthur Weld
Moraghan, Michael Bolan
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, Charles Augustus
Morgan, David, Jr.
Morrow, William *W*
Morshead, John White
Mouser, Silas Mercer
Muller, John
Murdock, George Leonard
Myrson, Simon
Nagle, Richard Hamilton
Nash, Charles
Neal, George Folger
Neuhaus, Christian Henry Fred.
Nevers, Lewis *J*
Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Nixon, James Henry
Noonen, John
Norcross, Daniel
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Osborn, Lamartine
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Patton, Charles Lewis
Payne, Warren Ritch
Peck, Philip
Peckham, William Henry
Perley, Albion Starbird
Phillips, William Rippard
Plouf, John Ele
Polastri, Richard Stephen
Popham, James William
Price, Arthur Faraday
Price, Thomas
Price, William Edmund
Prince, Henry Gilman
Redmond, Michael Francis
Reis, John O'Neal
Reynolds, Frank Bailey
Ridgway, Frazier
Riley, John Francis
Robertson, William Alexander
Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Ross, Donald
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Sanborn, Albion Irving

Schetzel, Adolph Georg
Schmidt, Valentine
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Ebenezer
Seibel, Philipp
Sexton, Warren
Seymour, Simon Harry
Shattuck, Charles Curtis
Sheldon, George Edwin
Sibley, Levi Butler
Simpson, James
Slack, Charles William
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.
Smith, James Jerome
Smith, William Frederick
Smith, William Jacob
Soule, Arthur Calvin
Soule, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, James Garfield
Spear, Gustavus Langford
Spear, Lewis Eugene
Speier, Bernard
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stark, William Alexander
Stern, Louis
Stockfleth, John
Stoddart, Augustus Wynne
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Swannack, Daniel
Swift, Samuel
Tait, William Cave
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thompson, George
Thompson, George Howard
Thornton, Samuel Kennedy
Trainor, Louis Howard
Triest, Bernard
Troppmann, Charles Martin
Tuohy, John
Turner, James Frederick
Vanderhurst, William
Veen, Frank Joseph
Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, James Greig
Warburton, Samuel
Ward, William
Warwick, James Blain
Waterhouse, Frederick Adelbert
Welch, Willard Choate, Jr.
Weller, Henry Olp
Wells, Asa Reynolds
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Whitcomb, Frank Randolph
White, Jonathan Lloyd
White, Thomas Benton
Whittier, James Eugene
Wiley, George Adrian
Williams, Daniel *A*
Williamson, Henry
Willman, Alexander
Wilson, Charles Harold
Wilson, John McFarland
Wing, Stephen
Woodlock, John
Young, Shirley Trever
Young, William
Younger, William John—396.

RESTORED:

Reynolds, Frank Bailey
Reynolds, William Thomas—2.

WITHDRAWN:

Roskruge, George James—1.

EXCLUDED:

McGeorge, William Connolly
Salsbury, Charles—2.

DIED:

Blake, Charles Edward
Clement, Joseph
Crouch, Robert
Cummings, Henry Addison
Falls, Richard James
Jeffray, William
Marshall, David Pugh
Prag, Martin—8.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report...384
Greeted 21
Restored ..... 2—407.
Withdrawn 1
Excluded 2
Died 8
Now borne upon the roll...396—407.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles *E* Stone, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Charles Hapgood, *D. Ill. Master*,
Frank *B* Miller, *P. C. of Works*,
Alexander Cameron Irwin, *Treasurer*,
Francis Wm. Howard Aaron, *Rec'rdr*,
William Andrew Lowery, *C. of G.*,
Peter Engel, *Conductor*,
Thomas Hugh Kernan, *Steward*.
Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Caldwell Belcher,
Henry Holcombe Rhees,
Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Andrew Jackson Binney,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Lemuel Trescott Crane.

SELECT MASTERS:

Asher, Alexander Branch
Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Baxter, John
Belknap, F. G.
Berry, James McConnell
Blackburn, George *W*
Brown, Josiah Perkins
Burchard, John Luther
Burner, Henry
Carpenter, George Washington
Clements, William Andrew
Cohn, Isaac Giballe
Crew, Alexander Hill
Deaner, Samuel Christian
Dobbins, Thomas
Duncan, John Lewis
Eastman, James Fred
Ellis, William Turner
Elwell, William
Ewell, Samuel
Fagan, Edward
Falk, Herman
Faulkner, Charles
Fimbreath, Arthur Francis
Fisher, Charles Lester
Goad, William Frank
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Haynes, James
Hochstadter, Simon
Hunter, William

Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Knight, David Edgar
Krause, Frederick Low
Lee, Ortis Frederick
Leining, John Henry
Lewek, Solomon
Logan, Anderson Dabney
Marcuse, Marcus
McFarlane, James Clark
McLellan, John George
Menz, Albert Julius
Miller, Arthur Gardner
Molineux, Henry
Morgan, Emanuel Briggs
Mould, William
Nelson, William Harvey
Patterson, George
Peacock, James Richard
Peacock, William Flint
Peck, William Francis
Peters, Joseph
Phillips, Joseph
Reece, Thomas White
Rideout, Norman Dunning
Roberts, John Henry
Rogers, Samuel Josiah Smith
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Saye, George Marion
Schuler, Conrad
Seely, John Ambrose
Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Slingsby, William
Spencer, Stephen
Stafford, William Henry
Stone, Lewis Charles
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Vanderwarker, Abner *K*
Webb, Charles Augustus
White, Amasa Willey
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Woodworth, Homer Allen—90.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....90 Now borne upon the roll .....90.

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Frank Wilson Street, *Th. Ill. Master*, William Gustav Rudorff, *Recorder*,
Tryon Milton Yancey, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*, James Edgar Requa, *Capt. of Guards*,
Eduard Keil, *Prin. Con. of Works.*, Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
Charles Edward Lang, *Treasurer*, Charles Henry Burden, *Steward*,
Abraham Barlow, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edward Lang, James Bell,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers. Frank Wilson Street,

SELECT MASTERS:

Brown, Gurdon
Calhoun, Henry Clay
Hampton, Joseph Moore
Johnson, Andrew Porter
Long, Wilbur
Long, William Giles
Matthews, James
Means, Andrew Jackson
Mitchell, Frederick Francis
Mundorf, John

Parsons, Edmond
Patterson, Archibald
Sharwood, William
Wells, Thomas Washington—25.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Rooney, John Francis—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....22
Greeted ..... 4—26.
Suspended for N. P. D..... 1
Now borne upon the roll....25—26.

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Morris Mehon, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Albert Frederick Ross, *Deputy Ill. M.*,
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*,
William Alexander Boswell, *Treas'r*,
Daniel Potter Bystle, *Recorder*,
John Sale Strode, *C. of the Guard*,
Sylvester Hull, *Conductor*,
Wilhelm Kellner, *Steward*,
Gunther Frederick Chas. Schroter, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle,
Adolph Dobrowsky,
Albert Frederick Ross.

SELECT MASTERS:

Andrew, William
Andrews, Alexander Robertson
Blossom, Robert Hurd
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus
Cahoone, William Brower
Esseck, Belty
Greene, Thomas
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Lowden, William Spencer
McCoy, Leo Lewis
Miller, Thomas Love
Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Nichols, James Levin
Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Paulsen, Jacob
Reynolds, John Edward
Ross, Herman Frederick
Rowles, James
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Scott, John Varner
Scranton, Jewett
Smith, Champion *W*
Souter, John
Sweeny, Edward
Syme, John
Taylor, Clay Webster
Weil, David
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses—40.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Black, Peter Peterson
Bratten, John Michael
Chase, Guy Horatio
Clements, John
Duhig, Louis James
Griggs, Sidney Allen
Hall, Joseph *N*
Mitchell, Marshall Alexander
Tyler, Jonathan Cooper—9.

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Martin Rufus Franklin—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	30	Suspended for N. P. D.	9
		Died	2
		Now borne upon the roll	49—54

HELENA COUNCIL No. 9.

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Schwab, Samuel
Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Shaw, William Steel
Stebbins, Charles Henderson
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Thompson, John Wilson
Walker, Jacob Longacre
White, Charles Eugene
Whitworth, Alfred
Wood, George R.—64.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....62
Greeted ..... 2—64.
Now borne upon the roll.....64.

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Richards Hedges, *T. Ill. M.*, Geo. Alexander McKenzie, *Recorder*,
John Yardley, *D. Ill. Master*, Henry Ephriam Robbins, *C. of Guard*,
John Garwood, *Prin. Con. Works*, Harry Nichols Baggs, *Conductor*,
Columbus Hurd, *Treasurer*, William Henry Stone, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Howe, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies, Alexander Chalmers.
Edward Richards Hedges,

SELECT MASTERS:

Bachmann, Carl August
Barber, Joseph Martin
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Beede, William Morris Stewart
Belyea, Jesse Edward
Bennett, Paul Witherly
Bergman, Francis Gustav Alex. H.
Brown, Philip Thomas
Buell, Park Arbington
Bulson, Herman Rice
Caine, John
Castle, Christopher Champlin
Castle, Durrell Oliver
Catts, George Elbert
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Cotterell, William
Cross, Samuel Nelson
Cunningham, Thomas
Dalby, Samuel Price
Ditz, George, Jr.
Dorsey, Caleb
Elliott, Lyman Weston
Fortune, James Pulaski
Fraser, Philip Barry
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Graham, William
Harrison, Norval
Harrison, William Bruce
Haslacher, Jacob
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Henderson, Orrin Staples
Hickox, Flavil Gaylord
Jory, John
Kahn, Louis
Kendrick, Levi Jackson
Kerr, Benjamin Eadie
Keyes, Henry Calcutt

DIED:

Martin, Rufus Franklin—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....50	Suspended for N. P. D..... 9
	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll ....40—50.

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9.

Helena, Montana.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Booker, *Recorder*,
William McClatchey, *D. Ill. Master*, Francis Doremus Jones, *Capt. of G.*,
William Dulin Smith, *P. C. of W.*, William Scott Spalding, *Conductor*,
Edward D. Neill, Jr., *Treasurer*, August Weisenhorn, *Steward*,
John C. Major, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornelius Hedges,
Walter E. Frederick,
John C. Major,
James W. Hathaway,
Harry R. Comly,
William McClatchey,
Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Atchison, Jehu Baker
Boardman, William Theodore
Cater, Charles *S*
Cook, Andrew B.
Cowden, Henry
Cummings, Pat. W.
Demain, Lewis Cyrus
Easterly, Allen M.
Evans, Henry D.
Featherman, James Benjamin
Featherman, John A.
Fisk, Andrew J.
Folk, Benjamin Woodhull Strong
Fox, Jonathan N.
Garrett, Clarence B.
Greenhood, Isaac
Guthrie, Henry H.
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Hunter, Duncan Thomas
Jones, Louis L.
Jury, William
Kennon, Richard T.
Kirkendall, Hugh
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.
Knight, Edward W.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McCann, William Henry
McKnight, Albert Gallatin
Minshall, Samuel W.
Murphy, John
Nolan, Cornelius B.
Reed, Henry S.
Reese, Hugh
Reinig, Michael
Robinson, Jeremiah
Scheuer, Frederick V.

Schwab, Samuel
Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Shaw, William Steel
Stebbins, Charles Henderson
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Thompson, John Wilson
Walker, Jacob Longacre
White, Charles Eugene
Whitworth, Alfred
Wood, George R.—64.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....62 Now borne upon the roll.....64.
Greeted..... 2—64.

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Richards Hedges, *T. Ill. M.*, Geo. Alexander McKenzie, *Recorder*,
John Yardley, *D. Ill. Master*, Henry Ephriam Robbins, *C. of Guard*,
John Garwood, *Prin. Con. Works*, Harry Nichols Baggs, *Conductor*,
Columbus Hurd, *Treasurer*, William Henry Stone, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Howe, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies, Alexander Chalmers.
Edward Richards Hedges,

SELECT MASTERS:

Bachmann, Carl August
Barber, Joseph Martin
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Beede, William Morris Stewart
Belyea, Jesse Edward
Bennett, Paul Witherly
Bergman, Francis Gustav Alex. H.
Brown, Philip Thomas
Buell, Park Arbington
Bulson, Herman Rice
Caine, John
Castle, Christopher Champlin
Castle, Durrell Oliver
Catts, George Elbert
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Cotterell, William
Cross, Samuel Nelson
Cunningham, Thomas
Dalby, Samuel Price
Ditz, George, Jr.
Dorsey, Caleb
Elliott, Lyman Weston
Fortune, James Pulaski
Fraser, Philip Barry
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Graham, William
Harrison, Norval
Harrison, William Bruce
Haslacher, Jacob
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Henderson, Orrin Staples
Hickox, Flavil Gaylord
Jory, John
Kahn, Louis
Kendrick, Levi Jackson
Kerr, Benjamin Eadie
Keyes, Henry Calcutt

Lane, Frank Ellis
Lehe, Eugene
Leitch, Archibald
Lothrop, Isaac
McCreary, Edward Davis
McGuffick, William
McKenzie, John Alexander
McKinnon, Angus
Milco, Nicola
Moore, Stephen Baldy
Noble, Arthur Morgan
O'Brien, John Henry
Peters, Joseph Daphine
Prugh, Winfield Webster
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Andrew Joseph
Robinson, Isaac Henry
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Rowland, John Morgan
Russell, Richard William
Shaw, Henry Coffin
Shurtleff, George Augustus
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Swain, Cornelius
Swain, Joseph Henry
Tindall, Pleasant Hay
Wallace, Hamilton
Waterman, Solomon
Woods, John Newton—82.

WITHDRAWN:

Dorrance, Henry Tully
Fanning, Howard Malcolm
Langridge, George Washington
Rucker, Hiram Newton—4.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Abernethy, William Alexander
Craig, Howard Milton
Payne, George Albert—3.

DIED:

La Rue, John Milton—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	79	Withdrawn	4
Greeted	11—90.	Suspended for N. P. D	3
		Died	1
		Now borne upon the roll	82—90.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

August Wackerbarth, *Th. Ill. Master*, David Munroe Sutherland, *Recorder*,
George Henry Habel, *D. Ill. Master*, John Alexander Brown, *Capt. of G.*,
Joseph Fiscus, *Prin. Con. of Works*, Levy Henry Whitson, *Conductor*,
John Mis Campbell, *Treasurer*, Ambrogio Vignolo, *Steward*,
——— ——— *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters :

Henry Sayre Orme,
Norton Filmore Story,
August Wackerbarth,
Julius Brousseau.

SELECT MASTERS :

Bicknell, John Dustin
Branch, John Franklin
Brodtbeck, Otto
Brooks, Daniel William
Bullis, Omri
Burr, William Orange
Bush, Charles Wilson
Christopher, John Francis
Clemens, Andrew
Craigue, Solon William
Crawford, James Seth
Cummings, William George
Dornfield, Ferdinand Emil
Drought, Robert
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry
Freeman, Edwin Herbert
Haskell, John Condit
Henderson, William Hutchinson
Hewitt, Eldridge Edward
Hinds, George
Illich, Gerolomo
Jacobs, Lewis
Jeffries, William Thomas
Jewett, Stanley Punchardon
Knickerbocker, Niles
Lambie, William Thomas
Levy, Michael
McIlmoil, John
McManis, John Rodman
Meyer, Samuel
Miles, David Edwin
Morgan, William Adams
Perry, John Sargent
Polaski, Lewis
Reiser, Theodore
Reynolds, John Jefferson
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Santee, Milton
Smith, Henry Augustus
Strohm, Thomas
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Williams, Romayne
Wilson, Thomas Jonathan—59.

WITHDRAWN:

McKanna, Patrick Augustine—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Allen, Gabriel
Alexander, Henry Nash
Biscailuz, Martin Vincent
Bright, Joseph Shannon
Fisher, Charles Locke
Smith, Fred Martin
Wiggins, Wilson Robert—7.

DIED:

Iaeger, Louis John Frederick
Munro, David—2.

RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....69.

Withdrawn 1
Suspended for N. P. D..... 7
Died 2
Now borne upon the roll.....59—69.

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Bestor Merritt, *Th. Ill. M.*, John Wm. McClymonds, *Recorder*,
Amasa Wright Bishop, *D. Ill. Master*, August Lewis Ott, *Capt. of Guard*,
Edward Harrison Morgan, *P. C. W.*, Eugene Cormeny, *Conductor*,
William Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*, Ebenezer Winchester, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett,
James Bestor Merritt,
William Frank Pierce,
Edward Harrison Morgan,
George Joshua Woodruff,
Webb Nicholson Pearce,
Edwin Allen Sherman,
Eugene Cormeny,
William Clay Smith,
Robert Edgar.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ames, George Spencer
Beeby, Robert John
Bice, John
Blood, William Frank
Bradley, John Tilford
Breed, Arthur Hastings
Brown, Lewis Henry
Burnham, Charles Franklin
Burrell, Alfred William
Cary, Amzi *B*
Clark, Alvah Kittredge
Clift, Frederick Charles
Craig, William Henry
Crooks, John Chisholm
Dalton, Henry Philip
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Douglass, Charles Henry
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Du Bois, Sumner Victor
Ely, Ralph Asahel
Evers, John Henry
Fortin, Damien Edmont
French, Robert Elsworth
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor
Goodman, George
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gregory, Calvin Levi
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hahn, Henry Casper
Hale, William Elmer
Hamilton, William Thomas
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Henley, James Brainard
Hersey, Edgar Amos
Hewes, Charles Leslie
Hewes, Charles Wesley
Johnson, Ellis Crowell
Kendall, Alpheus
Koser, Newton Alexander
Lamoureaux, Philias Henry
Lees, David Todd, Jr.
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Mauzy, Byron
Meade, Calvert
Meek, Horry Wert
Meek, William Elsworth
Merritt, Albert Humphrey
Metcalf, George Dickson
Michaels, Henry
Morris, Moses
Nordhausen, Ernest Albert
Nutting, Charles Wilber

O'Donnell, Francis Henry E.
Owens, Wm. Henry Searls
Parsons, Thomas *J*
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Perkins, Alfred Thomas
Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil
Plunkett, James California
Randall, Charles Wells
Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Samson, Martin Meyer
Sears, Herman *B*
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Spreckels, Richard
Stone, Andrew *L*
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Taylor, Albert Mills
Twombly, Charles Henry
Wall, Joseph George
Walsh, Edward Marion
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Williams, John
Woodin, Eugene
Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablonsky, John—97.

DIED:

Whitney, George Edwin—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report....96	Died..... 1
Greeted..... 2—98.	Now borne upon the roll....97—98.

LIST OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1894.

	Names of Councils.	No. Council.	Place of Location.		Date when Charter was ordered.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspend'd for non. pay. Dues	Suspend'd for Unmas. Cond.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
			Town.	County.												
1	Sacramento...	1	Sacramento,..	Sacramento,..	June 27, 1860.	9	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	214	$116 00
2	California....	2	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	" " "	21	...	2	1	2	...	...	...	8	396	219 00
3	Marysville...	3	Marysville,....	Yuba.....	" " "	....	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	....	90	45 00
*	Sierra Nevada	4	Placerville,....	El Dorado,...	" " "	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....	.....
4	Sonora.....	5	Sonora,.....	Tuolumne,....	May 8, 1861.	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	....	25	16 50
5	Shasta	6	Shasta,.....	Shasta,.....	May 7, 1862.	....	...	...	.	...	9	...	...	1	40	20 00
*	Virginia	7	Virginia City,	Nevada State,.	Oct. 18, 1865.	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....	.....
*	Yreka.....	8	Yreka,.....	Siskiyou, ...	Oct. 22, 1868.	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....	.....
6	Helena.....	9	Helena, ...	Montana State	" " "	2	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	....	64	34 00
7	Stockton.....	10	Stockton, ...	San Joaquin,.	April 7, 1870.	11	...	...	4	...	3	...	...	1	82	52 00
8	Los Angeles..	11	Los Angeles,..	Los Angeles,..	April 13, 1871.	....	...	...	1	...	7	...	...	2	59	29 50
9	Oakland	12	Oakland,.....	Alameda,.	April 12, 1883.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	97	50 50
	Totals...					49		2	8	2	20			15	1067	$582 50

*Charter surrendered.

GRAND COUNCILS

IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA.

With Addresses of Grand Recorders.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
ALABAMA,	H. CLAY ARMSTRONG,	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS,	JAMES A. HENRY,	Little Rock.
CANADA,	SIDNEY J. SANFORD,	Barrie.
CONNECTICUT,	JOSEPH K. WHEELER,	Hartford.
ENGLAND AND WALES,	C. F. MATIER,	8A Red Lion Square, London, W. C.
FLORIDA,	JOHN CARLOVITZ,	Milton.
GEORGIA,	ANDREW M. WOLIHIN,	Albany.
ILLINOIS,	GIL. W. BARNARD,	Chicago.
INDIANA,	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE,	Indianapolis.
KANSAS,	D. BYINGTON,	Leavenworth.
KENTUCKY,	L. D. CRONINGER,	Covington.
LOUISIANA,	RICHARD LAMBERT,	New Orleans.
MAINE,	STEPHEN BERRY,	Portland.
MARYLAND,	GEORGE L. MCCAHAN,	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,	SERANUS BOWEN,	Boston.
MICHIGAN,	GARRA B. NOBLE,	Detroit.
MINNESOTA,	THOMAS MONTGOMERY,	St. Paul.
MISSISSIPPI,	J.L. POWER,	Jackson.
MISSOURI,	WILLIAM H. MAYO,	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA,	WM. R. BOWEN,	Omaha.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	GEORGE P. CLEAVES,	Concord.
NEW JERSEY,	CHARLES BECHTEL,	Trenton.
NEW YORK,	GEORGE VAN VLIET,	Cor. West & Bethune Sts., New York City.
NORTH CAROLINA,	DONALD W. BAIN,	Raleigh.
OHIO,	WILLIAM E. EVANS,	Chillicothe.
OREGON,	SETH L. POPE,	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA,	JOSHUA L. LYTE,	Lancaster.
RHODE ISLAND,	WILLIAM R. GREENE,	Providence.
SCOTLAND,	ROBERT S. BROWN,	5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.
SOUTH CAROLINA,	ZIMMERMAN DAVIS,	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,	WM. A. CLENDENING,	Nashville.
VERMONT,	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,	Burlington.
WISCONSIN,	JOHN W. LAFLIN,	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. COUNCIL U. S.,	HENRY W. MORDHURST,	Fort Wayne, Ind.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Connecticut	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
Georgia	Robert Ash	San Francisco.
Illinois	Stephen Wing	San Francisco.
Indiana	*——— ———	———.
Kansas	Henry Ascroft	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	*——— ———	———.
Missouri	George Penlington	San Francisco.
Nebraska	William Caldwell Belcher	San Francisco.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Ohio	Edwin Allen Sherman	Oakland.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	*——— ———	——— ———.
Rhode Island	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.

* Deceased.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	MARCUS L. BELL	Pine Bluff.
Canada	J. ROSS ROBERTSON	Toronto.
Connecticut	ALEXANDER B. SHUMWAY	Litchfield.
Georgia	CHRISTOPHER F. LEWIS	Augusta.
Illinois	JOHN A. LADD	Sterling.
Indiana	ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK	Pendleton.
Kansas	ROBERT E. TORRINGTON	Wichita.
Kentucky	*——— ———	———.
Louisiana	SAMUEL MANNING TODD	New Orleans.
Maine	JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND	Portland.
Maryland	ALBERT BENEDICT LYMAN	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	EUGENE H. RICHARDS	Boston.
Michigan	*——— ———	———.
Minnesota	W. A. SPAULDING	Minneapolis.
Missouri	THOMAS SEAL	St. Louis.
Nebraska	EDWIN A. ALLEN	North Loup.
New Hampshire	JOHN F. MAYNARD	Ashland.
New Jersey	JOHN M. KNAPP	Ridgewood.
New York	*——— ———	———.
Ohio	ARTHUR P. CRANE	Toledo.
Oregon	SETH L. POPE	Portland.
Pennsylvania	GEORGE LAING	Pittsburgh.
Rhode Island	ROBERT S. FRANKLIN	Newport.
South Carolina	JOHN R. ALLEN	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	JOHN B. GARRETT	Nashville.
Vermont	GEORGE W. WING	Montpelier.

* Deceased.

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council June 26, A. Dep. 2860.

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN ASHBY TUTT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ...*Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,. .....*Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1868.

*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Master;*
STEPHEN WING,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*LEONARD GOSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1891.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1892.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1893.

*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1894.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER:

GEORGE PENLINGTON,

SAN FRANCISCO.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,

SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1895, Anno Dep. 2895, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THOS. H. CASWELL,

Grand Recorder.

R. & S. M.

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.·.I.·. Grand Council

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

State of California

FOR THE YEAR 1895.

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.·. I.·. GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT ITS

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

HELD AT THE

MASONIC TEMPLE, IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

ON

MONDAY, APRIL 15, A. D. 1895, A. DEP. 2895.

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OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE

Year Commencing April, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

M.·. I.·. **CHAS. E. GILLETT,....GRAND MASTER,.....*Oakland;***

R.·. I.·. **WM. HEWSON DAVIS,..DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.*Sacramento;***

R.·. I.·. **HENRY ASCROFT,...** { **GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS,** } ***San Francisco;***

R.·. I.·. **FRANKLIN H. DAY,....GRAND TREASURER,.....*San Francisco;***

R.·. I.·. **THOS. H. CASWELL,...GRAND RECORDER,.....*San Francisco;***

R.·. I.·. **THOS. KYLE,.....GRAND CHAPLAIN,.....*San Francisco;***

R.·. I.·. **ROBERT ASH,.....** { **GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS.** } ***San Francisco;***

R.·. I.·. **AUG. WACKERBARTH,** { **GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL.** } ***Los Angeles;***

R.·. I.·. **GEO. PENLINGTON,..GRAND LECTURER,.....*San Francisco;***

R.·. I.·. **ALEX. J. GARDINER,..GRAND STEWARD,.....*Sacramento;***

Ill.·. **SAMUEL D. MAYER,...GRAND ORGANIST,.....*San Francisco;***

Ill.·. **JAMES OGLESBY,.....GRAND SENTINEL,.....*San Francisco.***

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California commenced its thirty-fifth Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Monday, the fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895, at ten o'clock A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. I.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Master;*
" *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,..*Deputy Grand Master;*
" *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*
" *R.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,....*Grand Treasurer;*
" *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,*Grand Recorder;*
" *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Chaplain;*
" *R.·. I.·.* HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Grand Captain of the Guards;*
" *R.·. I.·.* ROBERT ASH, ...*Grand Conductor of Council;*
" *R.·. I.·.* AUG. WACKERBARTH, ...*Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,.....*Grand Organist;*
" *Ill.·.* JAMES OGLESBY, ...*Grand Sentinel;*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Past Grand Master,*
" *M.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,..... ..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,..... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... " " "

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS:

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....Arkansas;
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,..... ...Connecticut and Rhode Island;
ROBERT ASH, ...Georgia;
HENRY ASCROFT,.....Kansas;
THOMAS KYLE,.....Kentucky;
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....Louisiana;
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ...Massachusetts;
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,..... .....Michigan;
GEORGE PENLINGTON, ...Missouri;
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....New Hampshire;
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT.....South Carolina;
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....Vermont.

And the Representatives of six chartered Councils, with several Past Thrice Illustrious Masters by service under this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being a sufficient representation present, the Grand Council of California was opened in Ample Form, with music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee—

On Credentials:..... { Comp. William Frank Pierce, " Robert Ash, " August Wackerbarth.

After a short recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of chartered Councils, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, as being present and entitled to seats, viz.:—

Sacramento,..No. 1,.. { ALEXANDER JOHN GARDINER, Th. Ill. Master; POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, } P.Th. Ill. Mas'rs.

California,....No. 2,.. { ROBERT ASH, Th. Ill. Master & P. Thrice Ill. M.; JOSEPH GARDNER BASTON, Prin. Con. of Works; THOMAS KYLE, WILLIAM THOS. REYNOLDS, FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, GEORGE PENLINGTON, HENRY ASCROFT, } P. Th. Ill. Mas'rs.

Marysville,.... No. 3,....CHARLES *E* STONE, Th. Ill. M. and P. Th. Ill. M.;

Shasta,.....No, 6,... MORRIS MEHON, Th. Ill. M. & P. Th. Ill. M.

Stockton,	No. 10,	EDW. RICHARDS HEDGES, Th. Ill. M. & P. Th. Ill. M. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, P. Th. Ill. Master.	
Los Angeles,	No. 11,	AUGUST WACKERBARTH,	Th. Ill. Master & P. Th. Ill. Master.
Oakland,	No. 12,	CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,	P. Th. Ill. Masters.

Which report was concurred in, and the Companions named were admitted to seats.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following regular committees:—

On Jurisprudence:

Comp. William Abraham Davies,
" Edward Richards Hedges,
" Henry Ascroft.

On Appeals and Grievances:

Comp. Charles *E* Stone,
" William Hewson Davis,
" William Thomas Reynolds.

On Finances and Returns:

Comp. James Bestor Merritt.
" Thomas Kyle,
" William Frank Pierce.

The Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:—

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:—

I give you a cordial welcome, and hail with pleasure this day which brings us together to transact the yearly business of our Cryptic Rite. As to-day we renew the friendships of former years, we cannot but realize the nature and binding force of those ties by which we are linked together as a band of Companions. Amid the trouble and turmoil of life, who has not felt the want of fraternal sympathy which blesses him that gives and receives? And if those sacred ties are fully appreciated by us, the usefulness of our institutions will be more firmly established.

Freemasonry in all its branches binds its members together by its essential principles to be true and good members of society, paying due observance to our duty to our Maker, our country and ourselves; and the readiness to obey all calls for relief of those who are in need and distress is prompted by a desire to fulfill all obligations. The performance of these tend to bind us into one beautiful structure of who can best work and best

agree. Long may its nobility of thought and deeds extend, until its influence is felt by the whole world, and may her mansions be ever pure and beautiful.

The weeks and months which have passed since we finished our work last year have been filled with bounties undeserved, and we would offer up our thanks to the Supreme Architect for these and other mercies.

I submit for your consideration the business of this office for the past year.

On August 7, 1894, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, changing its time of meeting, and which, I learn, has been beneficial to that Council.

On October 31, 1894, I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *California* Council, No. 2, charging dues to its members which had heretofore collected none.

On January 17, 1895, I granted a dispensation to *Oakland* Council, No. 12, to elect officers and install the same at other time than provided in the Constitution, the weather being so inclement at the time of its annual meeting a quorum was not present.

On March 24, 1895, I granted a dispensation to *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, to hold a special meeting to elect some Companions to receive the degrees. These Companions having residence in the southern part of the State, could not go to Los Angeles without inconvenience, but would be in this city at the meetings of the Grand Bodies and permission would be given to receive said degrees in *California* Council, No. 2.

I have visited *California* Council, No. 2, several times during the year, and find them doing good work. Its officers are good, and the business conducted in good style.

I have also visited *Oakland* Council, No. 12, several times, and can speak in the highest terms of its work and business. On one of my visits the degree of Super Excellent Master was conferred on several candidates, and I think I never witnessed anything so satisfactory in my life. The work was done in an excellent manner and speaks well for its officers.

On July 28, 1894, I visited *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, and was received in a most cordial manner. I found its presiding officer a most energetic Companion, and our *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. Past Grand Master ORME always on hand with his advice and assistance. This Council is now on a firm basis and doing good work. My only regret was I could not make them a longer visit.

On September 24, 1894, I visited *Sacramento* Council, No. 1, and found it in good hands and doing its work well. The open-hearted manner in which I was received was only in keeping with that worthy Council, as my predecessors will testify.

On March 6, 1895, I visited *Stockton* Council, No. 10, and found Past Grand Master HEDGES in charge, and in saying that, it is sufficient to know that the Council is in good hands. The work was very good, and both the Council and I had a good time.

On March 8, 1895, I visited *Sonora* Council, No. 5. I find this Council in excellent condition; its officers are in their proper places and its members are very enthusiastic in Cryptic Masonry. I was many times repaid for the rough journey, and shall always remember with pleasure my visit to Sonora.

I have not visited *Marysville* Council, No. 3, on account of the illness of its *Th.·. Ill.·.* Master, Comp. CHARLES *E* STONE; nor have I visited *Shasta* Council.

Our *Ill.·.* ir [illegible] Past Grand Master W. FRANK PIERCE offered me his services to call [illegible] *lena* Council, No. 9, which I most gratefully accepted, but he unfortunately arrived there during the excitement of a political campaign, hence no Council was convened, but he reports from the officers that the Council is in good hands.

I have appointed as Representatives near other Grand Councils as follows:—

On September 15, 1894, *M.·. Ill.·.* Past Grand Master EDWIN MORRILL near the Grand Council of Ohio.

On March 20, 1895, *Ill.·.* JAMES D. LEWIS near the Grand Council of Kentucky.

I have recommended as Grand Representatives of other Grand Councils near our Grand Council—Comp. EDWARD RICHARD HEDGES from the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, Comp. WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS from the Grand Council of Indiana, and Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN from the Grand Council of Ohio.

I think this Grand Council has sufficient reason to be pleased at the uniformity and good work that is being done by the various Councils.

In returning to you this gavel, let me thank the Companions of the various Councils for the many courtesies at their hands, which has made my term of office one of pleasure.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,
Grand Master.

Which Address was referred to a special committee of three. The Deputy Grand Master appointed as such committee—

On Address of Grand Master. ..... Comp. Edward Richards Hedges,
" Jacob Hart Neff,
" Charles *E* Stone.

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

The undersigned respectfully presents the following report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Assembly, together with a statement of the total receipts and expenditures, and such other matters as tend to show the condition of the Cryptic Rite in this Grand Jurisdiction.

As soon as was possible after the close of the last Annual Assembly, the transactions thereat were printed and the usual number distributed as follows:—

One copy to each of the Grand Officers of the Grand Council and such Past Grand Officers as are permanent members thereof; five copies to the General Grand Council; one copy to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils; three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each of our subordinate Councils.

No dispensations have been issued from this office during the year; but by order of the Grand Master, commissions to Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils have been issued, as follows:—

On the fifteenth day of September, 1894, to *Ill.·.* Comp. EDWIN MORRELL, near the Grand Council of Ohio; and

On the twenty-fifth day of March, 1895, to *Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES DYSERT LEWIS, near the Grand Council of Kentucky.

Amendments to the By-Laws of *California* Council, No. 2, providing for payment of annual dues, and of *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, changing the time of meeting, and approved by the Grand Master, are herewith presented for reference to the usual committee.

For the first time since the undersigned has been your Grand Recorder he has to report a *decrease* in the total of members of subordinate Councils; and as such decrease is chiefly the result of withdrawals from one of our principal Councils, the cause is not difficult to determine — and certainly reflects no credit upon the members so withdrawing. The showing is as follows:—

Number greeted during the year	33	
Number affiliated	5	
Number restored	2	
Total increase		— 40
Number withdrawn	29	
Number excluded	9	
Number suspended for non-payment of dues	16	
Number died	15	
Total decrease		— 69

Showing a net loss of 29.

Number of affiliated Royal and Select Masters on January thirty-first, 1895, 1,039.

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder's office since the last Annual Assembly:—

RECEIPTS.

Sacramento Council,	No.	1,	dues to	February	1,	1895.	$108 50
California,	No.	2,	"	"	"	"	190 50
Marysville,	No.	3,	"	"	"	"	44 50
Sonora,	No.	5,	"	"	"	"	13 50
Shasta,	No.	6,	"	"	"	"	23 00
Helena,	No.	9,	"	"	"	"	34 00
						Carried forward	$414 00

		Brought forward....	$414 00
Stockton,	No. 10, dues to February 1, 1895.....		38 00
Los Angeles,	No. 11, " " " "		45 50
Oakland,	No. 12, " " " "		53 00
	Total dues.....		$550 50
One diploma.....			2 00
	Total receipts for the year.....		$552 50
Paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented...			$552 50
Thirteen warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer, amounting in the aggregate to.....			$433 55

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements since the last Annual Assembly:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. and S. M. of California:—

1894.							
April 16.	To balance cash an hand.....						$436 55
1895.							
Feb. 21.	To received from Grand Recorder.....					$507 00	
Mar. 14.	" " " " "					45 50	
							552 50
							$989 05
1894.							
April 26.	By paid	Edwin A. Sherman,	Voucher	No.	1....	$ 65 00	
May 4.	" "	Samuel D. Mayer,	"	"	2....	7 50	
" 8.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	"	"	3....	20 00	
" 15.	" "	Jas. Oglesby,	"	"	4....	7 50	
June 12.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	"	"	5....	20 00	
" 19.	" "	"	"	"	6....	4 55	
July 23.	" "	"	"	"	7....	22 00	
Aug. 9.	" "	Geo. Spaulding & Co.,	"	"	8....	126 00	
" 29.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	"	"	9....	10 00	
Oct. 31.	" "	"	"	"	10....	20 00	
					Carried forward....	$302 55	

1895.			*Brought forward*....			$302 55	
Feb. 6.	"	"	Geo. Spaulding & Co.,	"	" 11....	5 00	
" 15.	"	"	T. H. Caswell,	"	" 12....	53 00	
Apr. 3.	"	"	Geo. Penlington,	"	" 13....	73 00	
						———	433 55
1895.							———
April 15.	Balance cash on hand.....						$555 50

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

The Representatives present of sister Grand Councils tendered the fraternal greetings of the Grand Councils represented by them, and gave encouraging accounts of the progress of Cryptic Masonry in the several jurisdictions.

Comp. CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, from the special committee on "History of this Grand Council," appointed at the last Annual Assembly, presented the following report, which was adopted:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your special committee on "Contributions to the Archives of the General Grand Council" beg leave to report that they prepared a brief history of this Grand Council, which, with a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Council for 1894, was transmitted to *Ill.·.* Companion EDWARD M. S. EHLERS, Masonic Temple, New York, to be deposited in the "Memorial Box" of the General Grand Council, R. and S. M., of the United States.

A copy of the history sent is herewith submitted.

Fraternally submitted.

CHAS. E. GILLETT,
E. R. HEDGES, } *Committee.*

At the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of R. and S. M., of the State of California, held at the Masonic Temple, corner of Post and Montgomery streets, in the city of San Francisco, on the 16th day of April, 1894, the Grand Master appointed the undersigned a special committee on "Contributions to the Archives of the General Grand Council," and in accordance therewith they have prepared the following sketch of history of said Grand Council:—

CONVENTION OF R. AND S. MASTERS.

Pursuant to previous notice and agreement, the Representatives of the following named Councils met at the Masonic Hall, corner of Washington and Kearny streets, in the city of San Francisco, on the 26th day of June,

1860, and organized and established the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of the State of California.

The Councils participating in the labors and ceremonies at that time were as follows:—

Sacramento Council, No. 21, located at Sacramento, chartered by the Grand Council of Tennessee.

California Council, No. 38, located at San Francisco, chartered by the Grand Council of Alabama.

Marysville Council, No. 19, located at Marysville, California, chartered by the Grand Council of Texas.

Sierra Nevada Council, No. 40, located at Placerville, California, chartered by the Grand Council of Alabama.

The convention was duly organized, and WM. C. BELCHER was elected president and ADOLPHUS HOLLUB secretary. A constitution for the Grand Council was prepared, presented and adopted, and the following named Companions were elected officers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of the State of California:—

ISAAC DAVIS, Grand Master; WM. C. BELCHER, Dep. Grand Master; ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, Grand Ill. Master; JAMES L. ENGLISH, Grand P. C. of W.; CHARLES RAISH, Grand Treasurer; LAWRENCE C. OWEN, Grand Recorder.

After the officers were duly installed the convention adjourned *sine die*.

The first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of R. and S. M., State of California, was held at the Masonic Hall, corner Washington and Kearny streets, in the city of San Francisco, on Wednesday, the 27th day June, A. Dep. 2860.

There were present—*R.·. I.·.* WM. C. BELCHER, Deputy Grand Master; *R.·. I.·.* ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, Grand Ill. Master; *R.·. I.·.* CHARLES RAISH, Grand Treasurer; *R.·. I.·.* LAWRENCE C. OWEN, Grand Recorder; and the delegates of the four Councils represented in the convention.

The following appointments were announced: As Grand Chaplain, Comp. WM. H. HILL; as Grand C. of G., Comp. EDWARD E. EYRE; as Grand Marshal, Comp. LEWIS W. RUMSEY; as Grand Steward, Comp. WM. RUFUS LONGLEY; as Grand Sentinel, Comp. JESSIE MORRILL, who were duly installed in their respective stations by the Dep. Grand Master.

It was unanimously *Resolved*, That the proper endorsement be made upon the present charters of *Sacramento*, *California*, *Marysville* and *Sierra Nevada* Councils, and that the Grand Recorder affix the seal of the Grand Council thereto.

Comp. LAWRENCE C. OWEN offered the following:—

WHEREAS, The Council heretofore held U. D. at Yreka, in this State, transmitted, in the month of November last, its dispensation to the Grand Council of Alabama, from which it was received, together with its returns, dues and a petition for a charter, and as no answer has as yet been received by it, either on account of the miscarriage of the papers sent or for other reasons at present unknown; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to issue a dispensation to the Companions at Yreka free of charge, should they desire it, and make proper application therefor.

Which was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business, the Grand Council of California was closed in due form.

Dispensations were granted to *Sonora* Council on September 13, A. D. 1860, and to *Shasta* Council on March 30, 1861. At the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, R. and S. M., of California, held on the 8th day of May, 1861, a charter was granted to *Sonora* Council, No. 5, and the dispensation to *Shasta* Council was continued to the next Annual Assembly, at which time (May 7, 1862) a charter was granted to *Shasta* Council, No. 6.

On March 18, 1865, a dispensation was issued to *Virginia* Council, located at Virginia City in the State of Nevada, and on October 18, 1865, a charter was granted as *Virginia* Council, No. 7.

On January 9, 1868, a dispensation was granted to open *Yreka* Council, at Yreka, and a dispensation was issued on April 4, 1868, to form and open at Helena, Montana, *Helena* Council. On October 22, 1868, charters were granted to *Yreka* Council, No. 8, and to *Helena* Council, No. 9.

A dispensation was issued February 8, 1869, to form and open a Council at Stockton, California, by the name of *Stockton* Council, for which a charter was granted on April 7, 1870, as *Stockton* Council, No. 10.

On September 28, 1870, a dispensation was issued to form and open a Council at Los Angeles, California, and on April 13, 1871, a charter was granted to *Los Angeles* Council, No. 11, R. and S. M.

For a decade or more now the Rite seemed to languish in this State. The Grand Council met annually and transacted its regular business, but no dispensations or charters were issued or granted until on May 13, 1882, when a dispensation was issued to Comp. CHAS. E. GILLETT, OSGOOD C. WHEELER, GEO. B. SEAMAN and thirteen other Companions to form and open a Council of R. and S. M. at Oakland, California, to be called *Oakland* Council, for which a charter was granted April 12, 1883, as *Oakland* Council, No. 12, R. and S. M. This is the last dispensation or charter granted by the Grand Council of R. and S. M. of the State of California.

As to the membership and standing of the various subordinate Councils under the Grand Council of the State of California, as well as the list of officers of said Grand Council, reference is made to the copy of the Transactions of the *M.·..I.·.* Grand Council of R. and S. M. of the State of California, for the year 1894, which is transmitted herewith.

All which is fraternally submitted by

CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
} *Committee.*

Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, which was ordered to be printed with the proceedings:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of R.·. and S.·. M.·. of California:

Your Committee on Correspondence presents the following Report, being a review of twenty-four Grand Councils whose proceedings have come to hand:

ALABAMA	1893	MINNESOTA	1894
ARKANSAS	1893–94	MISSISSIPPI	1894
CONNECTICUT	1894	MISSOURI	1894
ENGLAND AND WALES	1894	NEW BRUNSWICK	1894
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL	1894	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1894
GEORGIA	1894	NEW JERSEY	1894
ILLINOIS	1894	NEW YORK	1894
INDIANA	1894	OHIO	1894
KENTUCKY	1894	OREGON	1894
MAINE	1894	PENNSYLVANIA	1894
MASSACHUSETTS	1894	TENNESSEE	1894
MICHIGAN	1894	VERMONT	1894

ALABAMA.

1893.

The fifty-sixth (56) Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Montgomery, at 3 o'clock P. M., on Monday, the fourth day of December, A. D. 1893, A.·. Dep.·. 2893.

M.·. Ill.·. GEORGE F. MOORE, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Five Councils were represented, all now in that State.

The Grand Master, in his hopeful Address, says:—

"The Grand Council of Alabama was organized in 1838, in the city of Tuscaloosa, and has met each year since that time, so that it has now convened in fifty-sixth Annual Assembly.

"The Cryptic Rite in our State has its periods of prosperity and adversity. In 1866 there were, in this jurisdiction, twenty-six active working Councils, reporting a membership of eight hundred and eleven. The Rite subsequently declined until there were only three Councils in existence; but now, I verily believe, another period of prosperity will soon gratify those who have 'never deserted the ship.'

"I cannot refrain from commending the efficiency and Masonic zeal of our Grand Lecturer, Companion POPE, and I must also say that to the ability and earnestness of Companion ARMSTRONG, our Grand Recorder, is largely due the increasing interest now being developed in our Rite. A petition from nine Royal and Select Masters, residents of Mobile, will be presented to you, asking for the revival of the charter of the Council in that city, and there are at least two other points in the jurisdiction where Councils can and will soon be established.

"I again congratulate you, Companions, that there are to be discerned omens of a brighter future for the Rite in Alabama, and can sincerely express the belief that before another year has passed seven subordinate Councils will be located in our State."

Comp. H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, the Grand Recorder, in his admirable report, says:—

"We will be able, I trust, to organize at least two new Councils during the coming year. The Council degrees are too instructive and important to be lost; we cannot, therefore, afford to be idle or indifferent to their perpetuation. It is a duty we owe Masonry to transmit them unimpaired to our posterity. Let us, therefore, resolve to redouble our assiduity, and work with greater determination than we have ever done before to build up our Councils."

There is more truth and Masonry condensed in these few lines than can be found in the great mass of generally published Masonic matter. He has a strong head and a strong heart, as well as a strong arm. Here is our ☞.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Comp. GEORGE F. MOORE was re-elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. H. CLAY ARMSTRONG was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS.

1893.

The thirty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas met at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, at 10 A. M., on Friday, the twenty-fourth day of November, A. D. 1893, and was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

M.·. Ill.·. CHARLES N. RIX, M. P. Grand Master presiding, and Comp. JAMES A. HENRY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The proceedings are printed in the best style of the typographer's art. The Little Rockers are equal to the Knickerbockers in the "art preservative of all arts." "It is good work, square work, and such work as we are authorized to receive," and would be acceptable anywhere, and we don't like to cut into it with our scissors, even to adorn the arches of our own Secret Vault.

Seventeen subordinate Councils out of eighteen with a membership in all of 437.

The Grand Master's Address is a perfect gem, and we should judge by the eloquent pathos and poetic sentiment all through it that the spirit of the immortal ALBERT PIKE had returned to its former abode and made Companion RIX, the Grand Master, its medium in its composition.

He says:—

"For the second time I am permitted, and it is my pleasure, to receive and greet you as your Grand Master, and give you an earnest and sincere welcome to our beautiful sanctuary whose towering arches, courts and halls form the Temple of our Order in Arkansas; and I am proud to say that it stands, and will stand, a lasting monument of the combined handiwork of Ancient Craft Masonry, Royal Arch and Cryptic Rite. Under the consecrated influences pervading our Temple, I bid you to lay aside the cares and responsibilities of business or profession, likes or dislikes, loyalty or prejudice, and enter into that mystic chain that assembles about our altar, and unite in sincere and fervent thanks at once more being permitted to resume our labors in the Secret Vault in true and unvarying companionship. But, Companions, let us not forget that some familiar faces

greet us not; that some have disappeared to join those numberless hosts that once lived, but live no more. Our work is not finished, our transition is yet to be met, so we should not forget that the mile-stones numbering our age on life's highway are passing rapidly by, and should remind us that we are rapidly passing on the downward grade of life's fleeting journey, and that the end of earthly companionship is not far distant.

In speaking of the condition of the Rite in his State, he says:—

"The condition of the Cryptic Rite in this Grand Jurisdiction, so far as finances are concerned—ready money—I will say, is about, if not almost, bankrupt. Soon after our last Annual Assembly the question became a very serious one as to whether we should be able to have printed and sent out, as usual, our proceedings. Our treasury is about empty, and no revenue to be expected, except what might possibly be sent in by delinquent Councils, who were to be spurred with sharp-pointed resolves and urgent appeals to pay their dues. We had to delay past the usual time for having them printed, and our Grand Recorder was about discouraged of being able to do anything, and appealed to me. The only consolation I could offer or give him was to go ahead, saying we must have the proceedings printed, as usual, and we will find a way open some day to pay the expenses. He did go ahead, and had the work done expeditiously, but just how he paid the expenses I do not now know; but I will leave it for him to make his excuses for being so able a financier, as well as Grand Recorder."

Good for the Grand Recorder.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN J. SUMPTER was elected Grand Master and Comp. JAMES A. HENRY re-elected Grand Recorder.

1894.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas held its thirty-second Annual Assembly, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock at 10 A. M. on Friday, the twenty-third day of November, A. D. 1894, and was opened in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN J. SUMPTER, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. JAMES A. HENRY keeping the minutes of the work.

Eleven Councils with membership of 373 were represented, being a loss of 64 from the previous year.

The proceedings are as handsomely printed as those of the previous year.

The Grand Master's Address is *multum in parvo*, and to the point, from which we take the following:—

"A review of the past year shows many changes wrought by the all-devouring scythe of time, but I see no visible sign of the Supreme Archer's displeasure having been visited upon the Craft. The Companions throughout this Grand Jurisdiction are at peace with each other and with all mankind; no grievances, no appeals, but peace and good-will reign supreme; and so far as I am informed our sister Grand Jurisdictions are enjoying the same good fortune.

"I regret that circumstances prevented me making any official visits this year. I have not been called upon to make any decisions. No ques-

tions respecting Masonic law or usage have been submitted to me. In truth my duties have not been laborious or exacting."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. I.·. ANTONIO B. GRACE was elected Grand Master and Comp. JAMES A. HENRY re-elected Grand Recorder.

May FREE GRACE abound in that jurisdiction for the coming year.

CONNECTICUT.

1894.

The seventy-sixth Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut was held in Masonic Hall, Cheney Building, in the city of Hartford, the seventh day of May, A. D. 1894, Anno Dep. 2894, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M.

T.·. I.·. Comp. WILLIAM H. PARMELEE, M. P. Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Twenty Councils, the entire number in the State, with a membership of two thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is of the Tuscan order of architecture, brief and severely plain, business in character and unadorned with the sculpture of rhetoric and poetical ornamentation. It is short, solid and lasting. The Companions have to stoop low, very low, in passing under the subtereanean arches of his Secret Vault, yet, nevertheless, when they arrive at the Sacred Treasure, they will find themselves exalted to perfection.

The duties of visitation to the subordinate Councils are equally shared with the four highest officers, each of whom makes his report.

T.·. I.·. Comp. FRANK H. TROWBRIDGE was elected Grand Master, and Companion JOSEPH K. WHEELER re-elected Grand Recorder.

There was no Report on Fraternal Correspondence, but in lieu thereof there is given the early records of this Grand Council from the date of its organization on the 18th day of May, 1819, to May 12th, 1853, inclusive, so far as they have been found.

But, alas, poor Hiram! the Triangle is broken and the genial, witty and loveable Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, the Grand Recorder and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, is no more. His earthly arch is broken, and the subterranean vault in which his body is laid is sealed for all time, while his spirit like the dove has flown upward to that celestial and eternal arch in the heavens, where JEHOVAH sitteth upon the circle, and the soul of our beloved Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER now reposes in the bosom of his GOD.

" The great intelligences fair,
That range above our mortal state,
In circle round the blessed gate,
Received and gave him welcome there.

" I watch thee from the earthly shore,
My spirit up to thine can reach,
But in dear words of human speech,
We can communicate no more.

" O friendship, equal-poised control.
O heart with kindliest motion warm,
O sacred essence, other form,
Dear Companion, O crowned soul."

ENGLAND AND WALES.

1894.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales held its Annual Meeting at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen street W. C., London, on Thursday, the 8th day of March, 1894.

R.·. Ill.·. Colonel A. B. Cook, D. G. M., as Grand Master presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* C. F. Matier, P. D. G. M., Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Master was unable to be present, he being called elsewhere.

There are twenty Councils in this jurisdiction, one-half of which are in foreign countries at wide distances over the globe.

Of the condition of Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction we take the following from the Report of the Grand Recorder:—

" During the year ending 28th February, 1894, 76 certificates have been issued, making a total of 668 registered members. This is a considerable increase on the number issued last year, and it is hoped that the various brethren who are received will aid in carrying on the good work.

" The *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master was pleased to grant a warrant to certain Companions in Newcastle-on-Tyne under the title of the Royal Kent Conclave, which was consecrated with all the customary solemnities on the 18th July, 1893, by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Recorder, and many other distinguished Companions. Since the consecration a discovery of great importance has been made, evidence has been produced that the Degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master were worked in Newcastle in 1830—with many other Degrees, by brethren connected with the Royal Kent Encampment of Knights Templar.

" In consequence of this the earliest mention of these degrees in England, long before they were established by the Grand Council of New York, the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master has been pleased to place the *Royal Kent* Council at the head of the list of Councils without a number."

Companion Osgoodby of New York, how do you like that? Where did that Encampment of Knights Templar get them? There is work for your antiquarian archæologists. That Encampment had the Kadosh Templar Rose Cross and other Scottish Rite degrees, received from France like the Templar degree, within its bosom, and probably included the underground cloisters or Cryptic degrees, modeled in their architecture from the subterranean galleries at Rome. This will give you a chance to dig among the ruins of the past.

The Grand Recorder Comp. Matier, further says:—

"The Cryptic Degrees appear to flourish in the United States and Canada, and the Grand Recorder begs to thank his brethren on the other side of the Atlantic for all their kindness and courtesy."

To which we, from the golden occident, stretch our hands across the continent and the Atlantic and say, "Shake."

The Acting Grand Master announced his appointments, of which VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN was appointed Deputy Grand Master and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. C. F. MATIER, P. D. G. M., as Grand Recorder.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

The Grand Council was closed in due form, and the Companions afterwards dined at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Past Deputy Grand Master, COL. A. B. COOK.

FLORIDA.

1893.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Florida assembled in twenty-first Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple in the town of Milton, November 9th, A. D. 1893, A. Dep. 2893, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Comp. GEORGE S. HALLMARK, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. JOHN CARLOVITZ, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Three of the four Councils, with a membership of 100, of this jurisdiction were represented.

The Grand Master's Address shows that he has been faithful and patient in the performance of his duties from the bedrock up, and proved himself to be the Noble Centurion at the fountain of Ponce de Leon, with an unfailing supply of Florida water for his hundred men, himself included.

We take the following excerpts from his Address:—

"Companions. Another year has been added to the past with its sorrows and joys, and with pleasure I greet you in the Secret Vault in this, our twenty-first annual Assembly; and I am sure you will join me in a song of praise to our Almighty Father for His constant care over us and ours, and for His great mercies. Have we so lived that we are still entitled to be known as Select Masters?

"It is needless to speak to you of the apathy that has existed in Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction for the past ten years. You know it also too well, you who have borne the heat and burden of the day; but now the light is breaking in the east, and truly we may say, 'All things come to him who learns to labor and to wait.' We certainly have labored, and as to waiting, the cry has often gone up, 'Oh, how, how long!' that we could not doubt that.

"A number of Grand Jurisdictions are very earnest in their endeavors to have the General Grand Commandery to pass an edict making the Council degrees prerequisite to Knighthood. I humbly differ with them. *If there is not merit enough in the Council degrees to make them sought after, let's quit.* (Italics ours.)

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"My Companions, let me exhort you to continue in the good work. We vowed that we must not let Cryptic Masonry die in this State when the

Grand Council of Florida was reorganized June 12, 1876, at Warrington, under our then Illustrious Grand Master WILLIAM MORRILL, and we have kept our vow."

"His Address has the true ring. Were it possible to make the Council degrees prerequisite to receiving the Order of the Temple, then how would it be possible to force nearly one hundred thousand Templars through the subterranean arches to the Secret Vault, without the ordeal of a ballot, the payment of fees, or against the will of the great majority of them; and some of whom would certainly be rejected material? The Council degrees must stand purely upon their own merits, and are worthy of the serious attention of every deep thinking Royal and Select Master who can appreciate their beauty and the interesting legends and allegorical representations with the profound and impressive lessons taught in them. The subterranean arches are not for the storage of liquors, nor is the Secret Vault a wine cellar; nor is it a passageway leading through to the Shrine of the Ishmaelites who are not the true Sons of the Covenant. Neither horses, ostriches, asses or camels can enter or be driven into it. It is for the hidden sacred treasure only, and not for a stable or a caravansary under the Holy of Holies.

Grand Master HALLMARK thou speakest true and well. Honored be thy name. *Selah.*

There was no Report on Fraternal Correspondence.

T.·. Ill.·. Comp. GEORGE S. HALLMARK was re-elected Grand Master and Comp. JOHN CARLOVITZ re-elected Grand Recorder.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

Pursuant to a call by Most Puissant General Grand Master ORESTES A. B. SENTER, the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America met at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Topeka, Kansas, on Tuesday, August 21, 1894, at 10 o'clock A. M., being the fifth Triennial Assembly.

M.·. P.·. ORESTES B. SENTER, *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. P.·.* HENRY W. MORDHURST, *R.·. P.·.* General Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The General Grand Council was opened in ample and solemn form, with prayer by Companion THOMAS W. HARRISON, of Topeka, Kansas, and by the Most Puissant General Grand Master declared ready for the dispatch of business.

All Companion Royal and Select Masters in good standing were admitted to seats in the General Grand Council as visitors.

The acting General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States was introduced and received with the honors due his exalted station. [This was not a "merger."]

Comp. MATTHEW M. MILLER, of Topeka, Kansas, then introduced Comp. THOMAS W. HARRISON, Mayor of the city of Topeka, who extended a welcome to the General Grand Council in eloquent and appropriate words,

and we take the following extracts, in the sentiments of which we most heartily concur:—

"Most prominent among the great lights of Masonry is patriotism. [He must be an Elect Knight of the Nine of the A. and A. S. Rite.—*Reviewer.*] And no Lodge room or Council chamber is fully and properly furnished and decorated, unless it displays the appropriate national emblem of the country where it exists. [He must be a 33d.—*Reviewer.*]

"Hence it would seem to be entirely fitting and appropriate that the civic authorities should welcome the Masonic gatherings and bid them God speed in their zealous labors for the good of humanity and the brotherhood of man.

"Masonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion. But it teaches a code of morals which must make its adherents better men, and consequently better citizens, and whatever tends to make better citizens creates a patriotic love and strengthens the nation and state."

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. WILLIAM H. MIZE, of Kansas, then extended the greetings of welcome from the Masons of Kansas in a truly fraternal spirit, but full of commendable State pride. We take the following extracts:—

"I appear before you to voice the sentiments, not only of the Grand Council of Kansas, but of twenty thousand Kansas Masons, all of whom join in wishes for your welfare, and many of them regret their inability or incompetency to share in your deliberations.

"I appear before you not only as a representative of the Masons, but of a million and a half of people who inhabit the great State of Kansas.

"I have come three times as great a distance on Kansas railroads as you who have entered from the east, yet my home is only eighteen miles beyond the center from east to west.

"You who have come from the Atlantic States have perhaps imagined that you are in the 'West,' yet sixty miles further on towards the setting sun at Fort Riley is to be found, leaving Alaska, out of the count, the geographical center of the United States.

"With only thirty-three and a half years of statehood, Kansas has risen to the proud eminence of being one of the first in the union of States in agricultural and stock productions. With its more than ten thousand school houses, an average of one hundred for each of its one hundred and five counties, and with its thirty odd colleges, normal schools and universities, an average of one for every three counties, the facilities for obtaining an education by the son and daughter of the poorest Kansan are better than were those for the children of the wealthiest of the land forty years ago.

"But I have been admonished that I must not trespass too long upon your time. Then in closing, allow me, Most Puissant General Grand Master and Illustrious Companions, to repeat that twenty thousand Masons and a State with all the resources and possibilities which I have only hinted at, inhabited by a people such as I have so briefly described, join earnestly with the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Kansas, in bidding you, one and all, a hearty, sincere welcome."

To which the *M..· P.·.* General Grand Master responded as follows:—

"On behalf of our General Grand Council, I thank you heartily for your very cordial expressions of welcome.

"We anticipated a fraternal welcome from the Companions of Kansas as we reflected upon the earnestness of your late Grand Recorder, Comp.

JOHN H. BROWN (whose genial presence we so sadly miss), as well as the other good Companions of Kansas, as they made known their desire to have the Triennial meetings of the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council take place in your State.

"We also needed no assurances of the hearty reception and bounteous hospitality, which would be extended to us by the Companions of Topeka. We have no doubt our stay in your fair city will be most pleasant, and we trust beneficial to all.

"We, from many of the States forming our Nation, are not only proud of Kansas, but of every other State, and, as patriotic citizens, rejoice in the prosperity of each State. For, in our republican form of government, the welfare of one part of our country, concerns the welfare of the whole, and we should jealously guard the good name of each State.

"Again, I thank you for your pleasant words of welcome, and believe I truly express the sentiment of each member of the General Grand Council in accepting your cordial greetings and hospitality so freely extended."

The Committee on Credentials then made their report.

The Most Puissant General Grand Master then read and submitted his address, of which we give the following synopsis:—

He returns thanks to Divine Providence for the privilege of gathering together in attendance upon this, the fifth, Triennial of the General Grand Council.

He then reviews the death roll, and "recommends that memorial pages be set apart and dedicated to their memories," and follows with a quotation from our late *M.·. Ill.·.* Companion ALBERT PIKE'S beautiful poem, "Every Year."

Seventeen Dispensations were granted to form subordinate Councils, seven of which are in the centennial State of Colorado.

He has given six decisions, which naturally follow in the line of similar rules as those of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

The "Centennial Deposit" receives due attention.

In his official visits he has given the "Buckeye State" three to the Grand Council of Ohio, and one to his own Council—Columbus, No. 8, of that State.

He pays a compliment to the General Grand Recorder for his ability and services rendered.

He presented the General Grand Council with a handsome set of Officers' Aprons and Jewels, which were accepted with thanks, and a committee appointed to draft proper resolutions in regard to the same, with full expression of gratitude for his generous gift.

Special committees were appointed to draft "Rules and Regulations for subordinate Councils" and on "Fraternal Dead."

Comp. HENRY W. MORDHURST, General Grand Recorder, was voted the sum of three hundred dollars as a direct gift, and a salary of one hundred dollars per annum was also voted, which ought to reduce the undue expansion of his cranium, expand his heart and reduce the overflow of bile in his system. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and we congratulate him that it has been duly recognized by the General Grand Council. We

shall now naturally look for more honey and less aloes and quassia in his correspondence.

The proceedings are embellished with fine steel engravings of Past *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Masters SENTER and DRUMMOND, and lithographs of the jewels of the officers in purple color and bronze.

The prescribed regalia of the Cryptic Rite is fully given, and we fully approve of the square lambskin apron with purple border, than those of the triangular form, similar to those worn in infancy as the badge and emblem of a marital union between parties of the first and second part, where the third party has no vote, though it may be said to have a voice.

The two kings are to wear purple robes, with crowns on their heads and scepters in their hands. Whether these crowns are to be of European or Oriental shape, is not stated. The Principal Conductor of the Works, is to wear a turban and an orange colored robe, and with a mallet and trowel in his hand. The color of the turban is not given, and one working tool, like the mallet or trowel, ought to be enough to be held in the hand at the same time.

The balance of the description for officers and members is decidedly mixed. It says:—

"The appropriate dress for the remaining officers (*fourth to ninth, inclusive*) and active members is a robe or gown of purple and a purple turban on the head. The sixth, eighth and ninth officers, viz.: the Captain of the Guard, the Steward and the Sentinel, may, however, be clothed in *ancient military costume*, with a helmet on the head and a sword in the hand."

That "*ancient military costume*" is too indefinite. It may be Old Continental, Hessian, or like that of a Georgia colonel that we once read about, "a straw hat, shirt-collar and a pair of spurs." Why did it not say that of a Phœnician foot soldier of the time of Solomon and Hiram of Tyre?

Ill.·. Comp. JOHN W. COBURN, of New York was elected General Grand Master, and Comp. HENRY W. MORDHURST, of Indiana, re-elected General Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

1894.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Georgia met in the fifty-first Annual Assembly, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Macon, at 1:30 P. M., on Wednesday, April 25, A. D. 1894, Anno Dep. 2894, and was opened in the Select Master's Degree in Ample Form and with prayer.

M.·. Ill.·. HENRY C. BURR, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. A. M. WOLIHIN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Eleven Councils out of thirteen, with a membership of 382, in this jurisdiction, were represented.

The Grand Master's Address is most excellent, and his designs upon his trestle-board are skillful, thorough and complete, and should be copied by every Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite in the Union. He has not only worked well on his own Arch, but superintended and directed the workmen upon all the other Arches of his jurisdiction; and besides that, has

placed before them the report of the work done in the Secret Vault in other jurisdictions. He is a painstaking and faithful overseeing and directing Grand Master. We take the following extracts from his admirable address:—

"Experience teaches us that it is well to pause occasionally in the conduct of our affairs and take counsel with one another, and for this reason we have come together to give an account of our stewardship, and to legislate for the best interest of Cryptic Masonry. We are gradually marching on; our numbers are increasing slowly but surely, adding two to our roll during the past year. While we expected greater returns, yet it is very flattering to be able to report the healthy condition of the Rite with such adverse circumstances to be overcome. The great financial crisis which stagnated all branches of business, had its effect on all departments of Masonry. The southern part of our State was visited by that dreadful scourge, which drove away the citizens, depleted the banks, and left the city in a deplorable condition.

"I regret that our accession to membership has not been as large as was expected; our forms and ceremonies are so impressive and sublime, and appeals touchingly to the better nature of mankind. They bring to light that which is instructive in the Masonic edifice to complete its grandeur. The laborer in the Royal Vault is faithfully rewarded in his search after Masonic light that is presented to the uninitiated, appeals strongly to the finer sensibilities, and leads us to a brighter and more hopeful appreciation of the wishes granted by our Most Puissant Grand Master above. I expect you to maintain your zeal for the work. You have done well, but you can do better; you have a broad field before you; labor industriously; study and practice the ritual; it has a deep meaning, and is interesting. When you have no work, a short lecture exemplifying the work makes it instructive, and it will not be long before the members will take a delight in attending your assembly. My duties have been light, and very pleasant. No question relating to the jurisprudence of the Rite has been submitted for my consideration, which shows that the Councils are well officered and that harmony prevails among the brotherhood."

The Correspondence is embodied in the Grand Master's Address, and after courteous and fraternal notice of California, he says: "I can say that it has been my purpose, and I have striven to that end, to have fraternal relations with all our sister jurisdictions. Companion SHERMAN'S criticisms make a very able and interesting document. It has given me much pleasure to read it." To which we take off our hat and thank him for his good opinion. It only proves that he also BURROWS deep into Masonic archaeolgy, and explored the ruins of the structure erected by the men of Gebal.

There is nothing said about prerequisite connections, and concludes with the following fraternal admonition:—

"In conclusion, Companions, all of us are destined to fulfill some particular mission; let the execution of that duty be so commendable that it will be acceptable to all. The strong and indefinable tie of friendship is often the evolution of associations formed around the sacred fraternal altar; with this incentive we may go forth with the firm conviction that by our united efforts we will place Cryptic Masonry in a position unassailable."

M.·. Ill.·. HENRY C. BURR was re-elected Grand Master and Comp. ANDREW M. WOLIHIN re-elected Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer.

ILLINOIS.

1894.

The forty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois, was held in the Masonic Temple, City of Chicago, on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894, at 10 o'clock A. M.

There are 54 Councils with a membership of 2,319 in this jurisdiction, a loss of 116 during the past year.

M.·. Ill.·. FREDERICK C. WINSLOW, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* GIL. W. BARNARD, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Master's Address was but a brief report of the laying out of his work for his subordinates of the nine arches or districts into which that State is divided, all of whom made similar brief reports of their stewardship.

We take the following extracts from his address, which express true Masonic sentiments worthy of reproducing:—

"GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

"Accompanied by the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, I was permitted to attend a session of the General Grand Council at Topeka. Although this Grand Council is not one of its constituents, I was favorably impressed with that body. It seems to me that a high degree of organization in any field of human endeavor tends towards success, and that the reasons for the existence of Grand Encampment and General Grand Chapter apply with some force at least to the General Grand Council.

"CONDITION OF THE RITE.

"Early in September I addressed a personal letter to each subordinate Council, asking for a brief report of progress made during the past year. I received replies to most of these letters, which shows that notwithstanding the general financial depression and discouragements of different kinds, the number of the Select shows a normal healthy growth. Cryptic Masonry is not likely to experience a boom at any time. Its teachings and philosophy are rather for the thoughtful student of Masonry who loves the institution for what it is. It is not a matter of regret that many of those whose sole ambition in Masonry seems to be to "get through" refrain from becoming members of the Council. With three new Councils asking membership and one seeking restoration, there is no cause for discouragement. Last year, a short distance from where we are assembled to-day, a World's Congress of Religions was held. After many friendly conferences a sentiment was evolved upon which as upon a common ground all might meet and fraternize. This sentiment was expressed in the phrase, "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man," and its general acceptance by these distinguished delegates was hailed as indicating an immense advance toward a belief that would fit the needs of every soul. But to the lover of our institution this sentiment presented no novelty. Something very near akin to this is the foundation stone upon which the noble edifice of Masonry rests, and although for so long set at naught by the builders, now bids fair to become the head-stone of the corner."

The Report on Correspondence is written by GEO. W. WARVELLE, and the only redeeming feature about it is that it is much briefer than is usual with him in the use of his vituperative pen. He calls us "a senile imbe-

cile old man," and other pet names. We dislike to further retort, but we can assure him that we have not yet lost our virility and are good for at least thirty years more for active work. We protested against his proposed theft of the title of Perfect Master from the A. and A. S. Rite to be given to a new fangled degree of his own "Genesis" and invention to be inserted in the Cryptic Rite. This roused his vicious ire at our protest to this spoliation of one rite and the innovation of another. Our protest and objection seems, however, to have been effective, at least for awhile, and he has made no recent attempt in that direction. The Secret Vault in that respect has been made secure. He has "darkened counsel without knowledge," and with a ghoulish spirit defamed the names of PIKE and MACKEY and other distinguished Masons, who are dead, and by inventions and assertions interpolated and falsified history, and endeavored to substitute therefor the emanations and creations of his own evil brain stimulated by the spirit of a bad heart, unworthy of a true man or gentleman or a Mason. His last report indicates his true inner character, and his expressions in relation to ourself, furnish his own eulogium and epitaph.

He is true to his name by nature and instinct. There is a digitigrade carnivorous mammel, the *Mephitis*, found over a very wide extent of country, both in North and South America. This animal has two glands near the inferior extremity of the alimentary canal, which secretes an extremely fetid liquor and which the animal has the power of emitting at pleasure as a means of defense. This liquor, we are informed, possesses valuable medicinal powers, but its extreme offensiveness interferes with its use. Its effluvia is effective as a means of defense, and it is most dangerous when retreating, for it delivers its fire from the rear, and whatever is bitten by it has to be submitted to the Pasteur treatment to save it from an attack of the rabies.

WARVELLE is a compound word, *War* and *velle;* the first requires no explanation, but *velle* means a bag of skin; and to vellicate means to twitch, and is applied to the muscles and fibers of animals. WARVELLE literally means a fighting *Mephites* with position of "*Action Rear!*" He is the only living symbol of that animal in that city that we know of from which Chicago takes its name which is Indian.

We may be a *Shear man*, but we are not an argonaut in search of that sort of a fleece. We would recommend that that Secret Vault be closed with him in it for awhile, and fumigated with sulphur, his escutcheon placed over the entrance bearing the device of a Warvelle rampant, with the *Ictodes fœtidus* for a crest, and with the legend or motto: "*Eusebius Dissipantur.*" "You see by us, I scatter."

M.·. Ill.·. ALFRED M. WERNER was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* GIL. W. BARNARD re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

1894.

The thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Indianapolis, beginning at 2 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, the 16th day of October, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894.

Ill.. SIMEON S. JOHNSON, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are forty-five Councils with a membership of two thousand four hundred and fifty-eight in the "Willow State."

The Grand Master's Address is a model report of supervisoral work in his administration of affairs in Indiana's Secret Vault and covers thirteen pages, from which we take the following extracts:—

The year past has been one of prosperity with the Cryptic Craft. Notwithstanding the business depression everywhere prevalent, we have had a net increase of 115. And now that the business outlook is brightening and everything pointing to better times, we may confidently expect increased prosperity among the craft; nothing to discourage, but everything to encourage us.

Among his decisions he makes the following:—

"The 'Hacker work is the prescribed work of Indiana.' Of this there can be no question, and that our subordinates, and all interested may act understandingly, I give the action of our Grand Council since its organization.

In replying to a communication of July 12, 1894, in which he was asked how to properly heal a companion who received the Cryptic degrees in the State of Texas *prior* to receiving the Royal Arch degree, and now wishes to join a Council, he says:—

"I know of no way of *healing* applicable to *such* a case. If the Companion received the Cryptic degrees *before* he received the Royal Arch degree it must have been in a mode and manner and from an authority unknown to Indiana Cryptic Masonry. 'Healing' can only be performed when something has been done amiss—*under* the semblance of authority. In the case presented, this candidate should apply regularly for the degrees, as in the case of any other candidate; in the present case there can be no *healing*."

Correct.

He makes the following decision in relation to the Super-Excellent Master's degree being conferred in the Councils, although he is not in possession of the degree, yet his rulings in answer to the questions submitted are eminently proper and correct. He says:—

"1. It is not plain to whom the power to communicate the Super-Excellent Master's degree, etc. (referred to in report of Jurisprudence Committee, of 1888), is given, but in my opinion it should be the Illustrious Master (or, in his absence, the Deputy Illustrious), provided he is in possession of the degree legally.

"2. An Illustrious Master of a Council, not in possession of this degree in a regular and constitutional manner, would not have this right.

"3. No. No Officer of a Council ought to confer or communicate a Masonic degree without actual knowledge of the ritual pertaining thereto. Any other course would leave each Officer to use his own ritual.

"If this degree is, or may be made a part of our Cryptic system, then it ought to be treated, worked and guarded with as much strictness as either the Royal or Select Master's degree. To do otherwise would in effect make it a "side degree" that any Cryptic Mason could operate as he deemed best.

"If Councils confer this degree, they should be held to the strictest letter of the law, and confer it with the same solemnity and regard for ritual as in other degrees.

"Any other course would make it a farce, in a short time.

"I have never taken the degree and of course know nothing of it.

"I think these rulings will bring the question before the Grand Council so that, as you say, we can have a definite course mapped out.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. HENRY W. MORDHURST, whom we are sorry to learn is not yet convalescent. He is still suffering from the chills, and sits in the chimney corner by the fire with tongs in hand to pick up the coals, which may snap out on the hearth. A little more quinine and blue mass will improve his condition. It is fortunate for him and his jurisdiction that the west line of the State of Indiana did not take in Chicago which is so very near. The depression of spirits caused by the miasma of the swamps of the Wabash can only be relieved by his getting out on higher ground, and where the fresh breezes of the ocean or the mountain air will invigorate his system and purify his blood. With the appropriation made to him and augmented by the salary of General Grand Recorder, in addition to that which he already receives, he can take a trip for his health to the Atlantic, the Rocky mountains or the Pacific shores, and be benefited by it, and then return to inspect the work done by the beavers in his absence, or count the increase of stock in the pasture fields of JOHNNIE CRAPAUD. We wish him improvement and success.

T.·. Ill.·. THOMAS B. LONG was elected Grand Master and Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

1894.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky met in Annual Assembly in the Grand Consistorial Room, A.·. and A.·. S.·. R.·., Masonic Temple, Louisville, on Monday, October 15th, A. D. 1894, A. D. 2894, at 8 o'clock P. M.

There are seventeen subordinate Councils with a membership of six hundred and seven in this jurisdiction, being a gain of twenty-nine over the previous year.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN G. ORNDORFF, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. HENRY BOSTWICK, as Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Master in his Address says:—

"If in the ordinary pursuits of life we have done well, how and what have we done in this department of our Masonic labors? I fear we have

done but little, for it seems to me that an almost appalling serenity pervades our entire jurisdiction. No complaints have come to your Grand Master either from home or abroad; no letters of inquiry; no questions propounded for official decision; no correspondence, save with our esteemed Very Illustrious Grand Recorder; and a pressing letter sent by me to each subordinate Council, urging them to a re-election of officers during the past month, impressing upon them the importance of forwarding returns and dues within the time prescribed by our Constitution, and sending duly accredited representatives to this present meeting—to a few of these letters I received replies.

"I have been unable to awaken any interest in our beautiful Cryptic Rite, or to confer and consult with the Companions, over the State, to any extent, on account of an engrossing and absorbing personal matter, running through the entire year; and which had been wholly unlooked for. I trust that my successor may bestir himself with zeal and assiduity, and build up what I fear I have unavoidably let go to waste."

But a single page covers the Report of the genial and able Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, *M.·. Ill.·.* JAMES WM. STATON, P. G. M., who greatly regrets the want of funds by that Grand Council to meet the necessary printing expenses. It is too bad, but it cannot be helped, but we hope for better times.

M.·. Ill.·. HENRY RANSHAW was elected Grand Master and Comp. LORENZO D. CRONINGER re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

1894.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Maine assembled at Masonic Hall, in Portland, on Wednesday, the second day of May, A. L. 5894, A. Dep. 2894, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

There are seventeen Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 1,858, all of whom were represented, being a gain of 124 over the previous year.

M.·. I.·. ALGERNON M. ROUK, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

We take the following from the Grand Master's able but brief Address:—

"We are again permitted to gather around our sacred altar in annual assembly, where we have been so many times permitted to assemble for the promotion of Cryptic Masonry. Again the regular alarm of the mysterious nine has summoned us to repair to our several stations and resume our labors. It is a great pleasure to me that I can report to you that the Order throughout the jurisdiction is very prosperous, and that the utmost harmony prevails. No grievances have been brought before me, and no questions of Masonic law have been submitted for decision."

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, who has retired from the committee after a faithful service of thirty years, and received the thanks of that Grand Council. We are sorry to lose him from the reportorial corps, yet we have to follow him through from one State to another, and find him arguing with equal force on both sides of a

question, yet in his conclusions he is contradictory to his former assertions.

He said in a former report, in substance, that we were in error in regard to the origin of the Cryptic degrees, and that we claimed too much in their being Scottish Rite, and he is so utterly inconsistent with himself that we do not know where to find him, and he has retired from the field.

In his review of New Hampshire, he quotes, as we did in a former report, that made by Comp. JOHN CHRISTIE, an officer of the Northern Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite, in 1848, to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of that State, who said in relation to these degrees:—

"From all information at hand, it appears the degrees of Royal and Select Masters were originally brought to the United States from Europe by Sublime Freemasons, and probably before the Revolution. They were conferred by Councils of Princes of Jerusalem and Lodges of Perfection. It may be proper to remark that the Councils just named constitute a part of the Ancient and Accepted Rite," etc., etc.

Companion DRUMMOND now says:—

"Comp. CHRISTIE erred in inserting 'Royal,' if he had limited his remarks to the *Select* degree he would have been very nearly correct. But time and further examination have only confirmed us in the opinion expressed in 1870, *that these degrees were originally 'side degrees' of the A. and A. Rite, and therefore, one possessor of them had as much right to confer them as any other possessor of them, subject only to the limitations of their ritual.*"

Just so, and that is what we have claimed from the beginning; and if he is honest in his conclusions now thus expressed, he but confirms our position; but he in his review of New York takes the other tack, and is unstable and unreliable, and we do not know where to find him.

Comp. OSGOODBY said in regard to the suggestion made by us:—

"We are inclined to favor the opening of the Royal and Select Masters' Councils to the members of the Lodge of Perfection of the A. and A. S. Rite," etc.

To which Comp. DRUMMOND says:—

"But how are members of a Council to obtain Masonic knowledge that a candidate is a member of a Lodge of Perfection? We deem the proposition utterly inadmissible; we hold it to be contrary to fundamental principles to admit any one into a Masonic body upon a Masonic qualification which any one cannot personally test by Masonic methods. We regard the proposition as too absurd for further discussion."

Comp. DRUMMOND is Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order or Rosy Cross of Scotland, which also in Scotland admits and exchanges patents with the members of the Chapter of Rose Croix of the 18th degree of the A. and A. S. Rite, for the sum of one guinea, and they meet on a common plane, though some have not the degrees of the Royal Arch Chapter of Zerubbabel, but do have the Royal Arch of Solomon, and been admitted to the Secret Vault in the Lodge of Perfection, and know the names of the nine arches, which a Select Master does not.

An English Royal Arch Mason, not possessing the American degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters, is admitted to the American Chapters when they are conferring the Royal Arch degree, which originally came from England. Comp. DRUMMOND'S argument would here fall to the ground, by reason of the fact of actual recognition, and their intercourse as Companion Royal Arch Masons solely. After a non-concurrence in WARVELLE'S conclusions in his review of Illinois, he says in regard to LOUNDES fabricating the Royal Master's degree, in denying the same: "This is no evidence." On the other hand, they were not inventing degrees in New York then. A degree to be received at all must have the odor, at least, of antiquity, and must come from some high European authority, actual or pretended.

To which we ask, "How about the Mark, Past and the Most Excellent and the Templar degrees which THOMAS SMITH WEBB manufactured in Albany, New York?" They are purely American and not imported, nor bearing the European brand.

Coming back again, he says, in relation to WARVELLE'S statements:—

"We are compelled to say, also, that he (WARVELLE) writes very inaccurately in relation to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. We regard the proof plenary that the Select degree was conferred in Charleston in 1783, and that copies of the Ritual were deposited in the archives of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem."

He says further:—

"Comp. WARVELLE is in error in assuming that Bro. JOHN J. J. GOURGAS first claimed in 1850 that the Supreme Council [Northern] had jurisdiction over these degrees; it is true that he had that Supreme Council so declare for the first time in 1850; but he had long before claimed that these degrees belonged to the Supreme Council in documents now in the archives. He bitterly denounced LOUNDES for going over to the enemy and taking sundry degrees with him.

"One charter was endorsed under that vote of 1850, *and the Lodge of Perfection at Newport, R. I., maintained a Council under it till some time after 1867*—when knowledge of it coming for the first time to the Supreme Council, the authority was at once revoked; beyond this, the vote of 1850 was a dead letter, inasmuch as after 1855 every member of the Supreme Council [Northern] save perhaps two, was a R. and S. Master of the obedience of a Grand Council."

And so it seems that when PILATE and HEROD became friends and the two factional Supreme Councils in New York and Boston united in the present Northern Supreme Council, the Lodge of Perfection at Newport, R. I., which held a lawful Council of Royal and Select Masters under charter within its bosom, it must be stifled to death, and its body thrown out to the vultures of the air while the Brethren could only mourn over the murderous act of an unnatural mother.

Not so with the Southern Supreme Council. It cherished its legitimate children, and, when they became of lawful age, permitted them to set up for themselves, and to form such alliances as they deemed proper, so long as they recognized the rights of the Brethren, who had lawfully under

her been invested with the degrees, and the compact has been most faithfully kept in this respect by the Grand Council of Mississippi, of which we shall make mention hereafter.

In closing his review of Illinois and speaking of that Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence, he says:—

"He quotes our reply to the 'bears'' argument, and in reply submits the old argument, which, when boiled down, comes to this, that the Grand Council of Illinois *prefers to have its own way, rather than promote the interest of Cryptic Masonry!*"

Ye Gods! What a parting shot was that upon retiring from the field!

Down goes its nine arches, and its Secret Vault is in ruins, and the WARVELLE buried beneath them. We should have said: "Let EPHRAIM alone; he is joined to his idols."

M.·. Ill.·. ALGERNON M. ROUK was re-elected Grand Master and Comp. STEPHEN BERRY re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

1894.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts was held in Egyptian Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, December 12, 1894, Anno. Dep. 2894.

There are twenty-four Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of four thousand seven hundred and forty-four, being a gain of two hundred and ten over the previous year.

M.·. Ill.·. J. ALBERT BLAKE, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Master's Address, as it comes to us in line, is as refreshing as a cool fountain of water in a parched desert, and strengthening and invigorating as the breezes which come in from the Golden Gate. We take from it the following:—

"The Masonic year has been prosperous in all of its branches, and Cryptic Masonry in Massachusetts was never on a firmer foundation or its members more enthusiastic: the seed sown in past years is bearing its legitimate fruit. The circle of permanent membership in our Grand Body has not been broken during the year. Surely we have every reason to rejoice. Can we not feel that as a Grand Council we are under the care and direction of the Father? That we are doing his work? That *we* are factors in the grand plan for the improvement of our fellow-man?

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"Finally, Companions, shall we not continue the work of upbuilding Cryptic Masonry in this our jurisdiction, with never a fear for the future of our Grand Council. Relying upon the loyalty and warm love of the Companions for our beloved institutions, and strong with the inward consciousness that we are acting our part in a manly way acceptable alike to God and man.

"O God, may we be faithful
To our traditions old,
And all new light thou sendest,
Within our souls enfold."

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, who is also Grand Recorder, and who was deservedly honored by being elected General Grand Conductor of the General Grand Council. We trust that he will in due time be promoted to that of Most Puissant Grand Master of that Body when every Companion will be *Bowen*. We are speaking *Seranusly* and mean it.

He reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils and his Report covers thirty-eight pages, and to get the good things he distributes through the whole we have to follow him all along the line. He gives to California page and a half and quotes liberally from our review of last year. But being of a genial disposition, and indisposed to controversy, he has somewhat receded from his former position, and adopts the language in the main of Comp. DRUMMOND last year and says:—

"For ourselves we think there is altogether too much Scottish Rite discussion in these reports, and we can see no good end to be attained by it."

To which we reply, that neither at the present time nor in the future is it contemplated in the least by Scottish Rite Masons, either by Supreme Councils or their subordinates, to reclaim any title which they once lawfully possessed to the Cryptic degrees.

In the investigation of the truth clear down to the bedrock upon which rest the foundations of the Nine Arches and the Secret Vault, their origin and structure, and which we are always reconstructing and rebuilding, we have to be certain that they are accurately in line from the commencement; solid in base; and claiming to be *perfection*, we must keep them so, and that they are not distorted, twisted nor liable to fall into ruins by newly made plans of a younger generation, which would destroy the original of the fathers and split up their trestle boards into kindling wood and cast them out upon the rubbish. The sword and trowel belong together; the former prevent intrusion, *innovation* or invasion, and the latter to be used in proper cement and not be daubing with slimy Chicago mud or untempered mortar.

We have no use for a newly invented degree of WARVELLE'S "Perfect Master," as proposed by him to interpolate into the Council work. Being *select* is "Perfect" enough in the Council. And as to our origin as Royal and Select Masters, we will simply requote from DRUMMOND'S last Report for Comp. BOWEN'S benefit, and as far as any controversy or discussion is concerned it ends there:—

"But time and further examination have only confirmed us in the opinion expressed in 1870, that these degrees were originally 'side degrees' of the A. and A. S. Rite, and therefore one possessor of them had as much right to confer them as any other possessor of them, subject only to the limitations of their ritual."

The whole controversy, from the beginning, sprung out of our objection to WARVELLE'S proposed innovation of his new degree of "Perfect Master," which he proposed to interject and graft upon Cryptic Masonry, at which he was piqued. This, for some reason or other, he holds in abeyance, but

attacked the legitimacy of the original claims of the Southern Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite, the conservator of the Cryptic degrees from the beginning, which conferred them by right, and governed them until 1870, when the Councils which she had created, she voluntarily relinquished all claims to, and let them form Grand Councils to govern themselves; but protecting in their rights those members who had not taken the Royal Arch Chapter degrees of the American Rite. It is safe to say that if the Mother Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite, at Charleston, South Carolina, had continued intact as the Supreme Council of the United States, and not in 1813 created the Northern Supreme Council, which it did, and which afterwards was severed in twain, but reunited in 1867, there never would have occurred any disputation or controversy concerning the Cryptic degrees, for they would have been retained by the original possessor of them, and we are also of the belief that if there had remained but one Supreme Council, and it had energetically and industriously done the work that it ought to have done at the time, it would have brought around much quicker the union of the Blue Masonry in this country, of the "ancients" and the "moderns," which was done in the same year in England that in this country the Mother Supreme Council divided itself. There would have been no disseverance of the Royal Arch degree from the Blue Lodges, and degree manufacturers and peddlers would have found no use for the wares which have since divided the spirit of Masonry and patriotism of the country into factions and sectionalism, and it might perhaps have averted the terrible calamity of our late civil war, when *Boston* Commandery of Knights Templar failed in its kind offices tendered, and repelled by *Richmond* Commandery as they were. Divisions in government of so-called "High Masonry" had been followed by that of divided church organization, which aided in the breeding of sectionalism, followed by civil internecine and fratricidal war, the wounds of which Blue Masonry did so much to heal, and the unity of the republic to restore.

Scottish Rite eggs under a York Rite hen may by absorption of the vital forces heat of the latter produce a progeny of good *layers*, but the original virility being lost changing the sex the young broods bring forth no roosters; hence AHISHAR'S nap is undisturbed by any crowing, and the intruder passes him in safety while he remains in slumber at his post. The real spirit and true life of the Cryptic degrees have been emasculated, for they drew their sustenance from the parent tree of which they were the scions, and grew by the trunk of the stalwart live oak. The real teachings and true symbolism of these degrees are not imparted to the initiate, and in consequence there is a barren, empty, unsatisfactory void which fails to be filled. It is so with the Royal Arch of Zerubabel in the Chapter, and in both the work is unfinished, and the initiate at last finds himself in the midst of ruins, and the Temple not restored.

All *true* Freemasonry has for its active principle and spirit the vigorous

and ardent support of civil and religious liberty and a lively maintenance of free government, without which speculative Freemasonry cannot exist, and we would be smothered to death by its enemies in its own crypts. Cyphers might be placed in line between the earth and the sun, but they would have no numerical value or force unless the digit was placed at the left of the line, and then they would count in full, but with a dot at the side, then only as infinitesimal decimal fractions. So with the Cryptic degrees, to forcibly contend against and deny their true origin as side degrees of the A. and A. S. Rite which they were, is also to repel and destroy the very essence, spirit and true lessons to be taught in these beautiful degrees. The real lesson is lost to the initiate, and to many they seem as so many cyphers, but having been removed from the side of the figure which gave them real vitality and value, the initiate is left to his own conjectures and finds himself to be greatly in want of more light, while the weight upon his eyelids prevents him from opening his eyes to see the real treasure to be found in his blind penetration to the Ninth Arch or the Secret Vault.

The owner of a fine blooded stallion of great value might permit his brother to take him off to his own pasture, he having plenty more of the same kind; but he could not but regret and deplore the converting of him into a gelding; or, if the animal were a mare of equally fine mettled blood as a racer, to be given away to become a mere breeder of mules would be a disappointment. Hence it has been our aim and desire to have the Council degrees be made as active in the series which Bro. MACKEY aptly calls the American Rite, as they were when attached to and formed an auxilliary portion of the Scottish Rite, and not be neuters or cyphers. But standing upon their own real merit at their true intrinsic value, and not be made a mere horse-block as a prerequisite, to be kicked over after having been stepped upon in the vaulting into the Templar's saddle by unappreciative men, who only admire the broken triangle of a flock of geese in the air and would like to get at the feathers.

Companion BOWEN we hope to meet you at the "Hub" in August next; until then *Adios!*

M.·. Ill.·. J. ALBERT BLAKE was re-elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

1894.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, assembled in the city of Saginaw, E. S., on Monday, January 15, 1894, Anno Dep. 2894, at 7 o'clock P. M., standard time.

There are sixty Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 3,576, being a net gain of 216 over the previous year.

M.·. Ill.·. FRANK N. CLARK, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE, P. M. I. G. M., Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The proceedings are adorned with the photos of the Grand Master, and Past Grand Masters NOBLE and HATCH. The first by his look of "determination of character" would leave no doubt about his being Grand Master, and would require no assistance in suppressing any strike of the workmen if started. That of Comp. NOBLE, that of a kindly disposition with a reserved force, that would not admit of any tampering with the designs on his trestle board; while that of the latter expresses a benignity of spirit, and that the *Hatchway* is the best way out of difficulties.

The Grand Master, in his Address, shows that he has been an untiring and faithful overseer of the workmen and the responsible trust placed in his hands has not suffered, but that his ten talents have gained ten talents more. We take the following from his Address:—

"It affords me great pleasure to stand in this honored position and welcome you in this beautiful temple, erected to GOD and Masonry, to the thirty-sixth annual meeting of our Grand Council. We have assembled to legislate, exchange greetings and to bind ourselves more firmly with the chains of friendship. Let us care for the best interests of our Order, so that when we return to our S. V. it will be with the proud satisfaction of having discharged our duty to the Craft.

"Time, with his ever revolving chariot, has added another eventful year to the numbers which have been completed, and we are now stepping, as it were, into the borderland of a new era, hoping that its changes will bring joy and prosperity. A new era—yes, for the closing of the great Exposition marks a reckoning point in the history of the greatest nation in the world, and I may say, of the world itself. The Columbian Fair at Chicago, celebrating the discovery of America and commemorating the name and genius of COLUMBUS, has brought to light the political, industrial, and educational importance of our people. The world has honored us with her statesmen and her rulers; her fleets have assembled in that great avenue of commerce, New York harbor, to celebrate with us the name of the great discoverer, COLUMBUS. She has sent her products, manufactures and works of art to take their place in our halls, and her representatives have come to us from every quarter. In short, the world has recognized our mission—to enlighten, purify and consecrate to the Supreme Grand Master even his humblest subjects.

"All is not harmony in our fair land. On the one hand there is plenty, on the other starvation. Fortune is a fickle goddess, for all tremble alike at her changes. Her coming is dreaded in prosperity and hoped for in adversity. Therefore, Companions, before entering upon the discharge of that official duty which has assembled the members of this Grand Body, should we not lift our voices in praise to Him, who giveth us all things, the 'Great I am,' the Giver of every good and perfect gift? Let us remember with thankful praise the Supreme Grand Master and Creator of all things, not omitting a plea for those among Masons and men who are to-day in destitute circumstances and crying for aid.

"OUR HONORED DEAD.

"Since we last assembled, the grim reaper has been abroad and taken from among us that Prince of Jerusalem, and, as has often been said, 'Father of Masonry,' our own beloved Companion, Gen. WM. P. INNES, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery. From the records of transactions I find that our late companion was once a Grand Officer in this Grand Council, and for several years was the Representative of his

own Council in this Grand Body, as well as serving on important committees.

"Com. INNES, as you all know, died at his home in the city of Grand Rapids, August 2, 1893, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was laid to rest Sunday, August 6th, the Masonic funeral services being conducted by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, escorted by the Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery, subordinate Lodges, military organizations, etc., I as well as many of the members of this body, was present at the funeral solemnities. Comp. INNES was an active and energetic worker in all branches of Masonry, not only in Michigan, but in other States as well. I will not attempt to give a history of the deceased companion, but would recommend that a committee be appointed, who will be better qualified to perform the work, and that a memorial page be set apart, which will forever hold us in fond remembrance of our beloved companion."

Past Most *Ill.*. Grand Master HUGH MCCURDY 33° was appointed for the duty, and delivered a most tender and eloquent eulogy upon the life and character of the eminent and illustrious companion, Gen. WM. P. INNES 33°, from which we take the following:—

"MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER AND ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:—

> "'A noble life has passed into the silent tomb,
> And there awaits the requiem of the winter snows.'

"The life of Companion INNES was in all essentials a noble life. We may speak of it as having passed into the silent tomb, but we know that never in all the majesty of his living presence, was that life so completely before us as it is to-day.

"We remember that noble presence, his inspiring words, his welcoming smile, his cordial hand-clasp, but more than all these we remember what he was.

"It is only to his Masonic life that we would here offer our tribute.

"Our brother received the degree of Master Mason in Western Union Lodge, No. 146, Belfast, Allegany county, New York, the 30th of January, 1851, and the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Grand Rapids Chapter, No. 7, Grand Rapids, in 1853. He took the degree of Royal and Select Master in *Monroe* Council, No. 1, at Detroit, in 1854, and the Order of the Temple in Detroit Commandery, K. T., No. 1, in 1856. He received the Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second, in Detroit in 1860, from the hands of KILLIAN VAN RENSSELAER, then serving as the Grand Master of the Royal Scottish Rite body of the Northern Jurisdiction. No body of the Rite having been established in the State, he received the thirty-third degree and became a member of the Supreme Council in Boston in 1866. He was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan in 1860, was re-elected in 1861, serving until 1862. His last address to the Grand Chapter was written from his tent in the field in Kentucky, he serving at that time with his regiment in that State. He was chosen Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar in 1860, serving one year, and was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M., at the Grand Communication held in January, 1878, having been previously appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of his predecessor in the fall of 1877. This latter office he held up to January, 1892, when he was elected Grand Master, serving in that capacity one year. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in January, 1875. He was elected Grand Recorder of Knights Templar in May, 1871, in which office his death creates a vacancy.

"This Companion, whom we all so loved, wore upon his breast in successive years every badge of Masonic degree; but we think of him only as carrying in his frank and open face the badge of upright manhood and on his manly breast the white flower of a blameless life. The simple faith of Freemasonry, its beautiful liturgies, its gentle ministries, were to him bonds of love and peace.

"To him Freemasonry was not a separation from men, but a closer communication with men. The mystic tie, the clasped hands on bended knee around our common altar, to him signified social fellowship. His broad brow, his frank countenance, his manly mien, his fraternal hands, his genial smile were a benediction wherever he appeared. So far as in him lay, he applied the principle of his Masonic faith to the solution of the questions of wealth and poverty, capital and labor. He could conceive of no affair in life in which conscience should be silent. Although of kindly heart and of gracious manners, he was always immovable in his ideas of right. He was thus not only one of the best beloved men in the State, but he was worthy of that love. He detested crime, but pitied the offender. He had malice toward none—the utmost charity for all—a charity that never failed. He lifted up his voice in public and in private in condemnation of dishonest living, but his real condemnation of wrong doing was his own pure life. No unworthy act of Bro. WILLIAM P. INNES ever degraded his official career—no bitterness marred his charity for others.

"My brothers, a fragrant, sweet spirit has been gathered in the harvest. Tired, he sleeps. The pride of his State, the devotion of Freemasonry, the love of good men, the tenderness of many friends, kneels at his grave, and all who look upon it utter words of praise and blessing, and with tearful voice thank the Father of all for such a noble life. His life is one of the triumphs of our faith—a life inspired by a noble purpose to be of use to man—a life kept by the power of faith in the fatherhood of GOD and the brotherhood of man—and thus a life made after the power of an *endless life*—life in holy communion with its Risen and Ascended LORD—a constant offering, a continual oblation of all its powers to the highest and noblest purposes of life.

> "'His name shall be spoken with reverence,
> Where Christ's holy altars rise
> And churches carved in stone.'

"Such a life cannot pass into the silent tomb; it is not simply a brief existence of three score years and ten, but it is an endless power—*An endless power*. These three words sum up all that can be said of him whose departure from us we so sadly deplore. It is well for us to study this life so full of good works now gathered with the full sheaves. It is well for the individual, the family, the State and the Church to recall the features of so complete a man."

These are "apples of gold in pictures of silver." "Let us die the death of the righteous and let our last end be like his."

> Give glory to the patriot and honor to the brave;
> But love for the Companion who sleeps in his grave.
> There's comfort for sorrow while we mourn our sad loss,
> For the acacia and rose are entwined on his cross.

M.·. Ill.·. EMERSON M. NEWELL was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

1894.

The twenty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of St. Paul on Monday, October 8th, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M.

There are nine Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 754, there being a small loss of 15 during the previous year.

M.·. Ill.·. GEORGE E. WARNER, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The proceedings have the photos of Past Grand Masters WM. G. TEN BROOK and CHARLES D. BOYCE. The former wears an earnest, anxious expression as if he apprehended something might go wrong, and the latter as if he were of the opinion that the other should not worry, for he himself would attend to the matter, whatever it is, and guarantee it should go right.

The Grand Master's Address is brief, covering but three pages; but makes up for its brevity by its cheery and hopeful business spirit and terse sentences in giving an account of the affairs of his office. It is of the right ring, and we most heartily commend it.

We take the following extracts from it:—

"By the goodness and mercy of the Holy One of Israel we meet to-day to hold the twenty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Minnesota. Another year has passed. Like all those gone before, it has had its joy and sorrow, its pleasure and pain. To many of us it has been a long year of trial and probation.

"We come to-day to meet old friends and to make new ones. A door has been left open for our reception. We hear familiar voices, see friendly faces, and clasp hands with brothers who know each other as well in the darkness of the third watch as when the noonday sun darts its rays to the innermost recesses of the Secret Vault.

"We come to render an account of our stewardship, to see as far as may be the result of our labors, and to confer together how best to promote the peace, honor and prosperity of our beloved Rite.

"To the Grand Representatives of sister Grand Councils I extend a fraternal and hearty greeting. May your duties at this Assembly be as pleasant as in the past, and when you have wrought your regular hours may you receive your reward."

"On account of the limited time since returns were received I leave notice of fraternal dead in the subordinate Councils to the Committee on Necrology, only pausing to call attention to the last four deaths in my own Council and during the fifteen months immediately preceding this Assembly, three of them suicides and the fourth probably largely due to financial troubles."

That is too bad. We thought that the cool climate of Minnesota produced cool heads, but we were mistaken. We hope there will be no more of such "taking off."

He says further:—

"Owing to the universal peace and good fellowship prevailing within our borders there has been no call for official decisions, nor any grievances reported.

"Companions, such in brief is the record of a year of peace. *A few days of strife might have made more history, but less progress.. By a quarter of a century of pleasant labor you have demonstrated that the Cryptic degrees do not need to be nourished in the bosom of a Chapter, nor supported by broken reeds of prerequisition*, and now, in surrendering the gavel, that emblem of authority which you intrusted to my keeping one year ago, I thank you, one and all, not only for the honor conferred at that time, but for the friendship and brotherly love so freely manifested in all our associations."

There is a whole volume of truth and fact condensed in the few lines of the last paragraph, and that portion which we have placed in italics deserves to be lettered in gold. That Grand Master is level-headed.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Recorder, Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, who gives California a generous notice, and quotes our conclusions of last year entire, and which we would reiterate in this report. It is pleasant to follow Comp. MONTGOMERY from State to State, and note where he culls the choicest flowers, and sows the floral grain. "Have I saved the Minnesota?" inquired Capt. WORDEN, of the Monitor, after having driven off the Merrimac, and on being assured that the Minnesota was safe, exclaimed, "Then I care not what becomes of me!" So it would seem with our companions of Minnesota; they have adhered so faithfully to their duty to the Cryptic Rite that "it does not need to be nourished in the bosom of a Chapter, nor supported by broken reeds of prerequisition," and their motto is, "Liberty and independence forever!" Hurrah for *L'Etoile du Nord*, the North Star. If the other Grand Councils will run their corridors of the nine arches on the same meridian line of the North Star, they will find the Secret Vault due south and the sun coming north as he crosses the line. Grand Master WARNER is the URSA MAJOR of that State, and can give them "pointers."

If ever we meet, Comp. MONTGOMERY,
We'll drink your health in the best of Pommery,

Following ST. PAUL'S advice to TIMOTHY, to "take a little wine for the stomach's sake," but not linger with it until it turns red. We will now start down the river to Missouri, after bidding good-by to the following officers.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN B. WEST was elected Grand Master, and Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

1894.

The thirty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of the State of Mississippi, held in the hall of Wilson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, Tuesday, February 13, 1894, commencing at 11 o'clock A. M.

There are twelve Councils on the roll with a membership of 263 in the jurisdiction, and eleven Councils were represented.

M.·. Ill.·. FREDERICK SPEED, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. J. L. POWER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Address of the Grand Master is eloquent and pathetic, and covers twenty-three pages of fine, close column printed matter. It is valuable as a historic paper, controversial to the last extreme, and excoriating in its utterances in defense of his position in the maintenance of the sovereignty of that Grand Council which will not recognize as equals those Grand Councils which help to form the General Grand Council; and he deals some very heavy blows in his arguments, of which Companions DRUMMOND, WILLIAMS, MAYO and others are the recipients.

He is correct in his argument that the State Grand Councils which formed the General Grand Council surrendered their sovereignty in the government of the Cryptic Rite, and created an appellate supreme power above themselves, to which they are subordinate, are taxed for its support, and are compelled to hold their paramount allegiance to it; and if either one of them were to attempt to secede or withdraw without its consent, it would be declared in rebellion, and the other Grand Councils of its obedience would be promptly notified by decree of interdiction, and of non-intercourse, under penalty of like prohibition. Those Grand Councils not of its obedience, and which still retain their independence and sovereignty, are the equals and peers in the exercise of their powers of the General Grand Council, though limited in territory and constituency. Queen "LIL," of the Hawaiian Islands, was equal to Queen VICTORIA, though the latter's "drums are heard around the world," and her cotton petticoats are spread over every sea. President SANFORD B. DOLE, of the Hawaiian Republic, is the peer of GROVER CLEVELAND, President of the United States, though he is not so large a man or the ruler of so extensive a territory. The same etiquette has to be maintained, and a presidential or royal salute of twenty-one guns has to be fired in paying due honor, and even to loan the powder to return the salute, if His Excellency's magazine was empty or he was too poor in purse to pay for it. Ambassadors and ministers plenipotentiary are only sent to the courts of sovereign powers, though consul-generals, consuls and commercial agents are sent where the countries are not powers of the first class. This is the law of nations, and which Companion SPEED so strenuously maintains against what he considers a manifest spirit of coercion by some of the over-zealous and ardent supporters of the General Grand Council.

The Grand Master of a subordinate Grand Council of a State, when installed, has to take the following

OBLIGATION:

I, ————, do solemnly promise and swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, together with the Constitution, Laws, Edicts and Regulations of this Grand Council, and that I

will, to the utmost of my knowledge and ability, discharge the duties of the office with which I am now to be invested. So help me GOD!

Its title embraces the whole of the United States; but its actual jurisdiction only embraces twenty State Grand Councils and eighteen subordinate Councils in other States and Territories; and those Grand Councils, such as Illinois, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and others which desire to go it alone, maintain to a greater or lesser degree a strong counter spirit of opposition to those who would throw over them the mantle of the General Grand Council of the whole United States, and take them in under the same blanket.

In resistance to this, intense bitterness of opposition is manifested, of which Comp. SPEED, of Mississippi, takes the lead. His Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters came out of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, itself a subordinate of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction, which in 1870 permitted all Councils of Royal and Select Masters of its obedience to form independent Grand Councils of their own, and voluntarily relinquished all control over them.

The Grand Council of Mississippi could not now get back under the fostering care of its mother, if it would. It holds to the spirit of the teachings of its degrees received from that source, and is not ashamed but proud of its progenitor and origin, and holds itself to be *select*, independent and sovereign. Then why irritate and vex it to a state of impatience beyond endurance and exasperation, destructive of all harmony and good will? When Mississippi desires to come into the union, let it be of her own free will and accord, and let her enter and be received in like manner as all who have entered here before her. Until then, let her maintain her own individual sovereignty, if she will, and still decline to have representatives in subordinate State Grand Councils, if she so desires. Strictly speaking, no State Grand Council owing obedience to the General Grand Council, without the due consent and authority of the latter appoint Representatives to independent State Grand Councils, nor receive Representatives therefrom. It would be the usurpation of powers already surrendered to the General Grand Council, and an intrusion to the independent State Grand Council to which they would be accredited; and an attempt of clandestine intercourse which neither of the sovereign powers could tolerate without violating the rules of comity and the rights of sovereignty.

The principle which Comp. SPEED advocates and maintains is correct. Subordinate State Grand Councils are not the peers in sovereignty of independent State Grand Councils. Correspondence, by custom and tacit permission of the General Grand Council, may be continued between all State Grand Councils, either subordinate or independent, but let the question of the sovereignty of the former be raised, the former would quickly exercise its supreme authority over those of its obedience, and further correspondence be promptly interdicted and prohibited. Such would have been the ruling of the Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite, were the Grand Council of R. and S. M.

of Mississippi in the bosom of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem still of its obedience.

We have thought it unnecessary to quote the language in the long argument of Comp. SPEED, in which asperity and indignation and personal animadversions, in which the discussion abounds, and wherein Comp. DRUMMOND charges Comp. SPEED with uttering slanderous statements and absolute untruth. DRUMMOND has retired from the field, gives it up, and leaves Comp. SPEED master of the situation, to repel the attacks and unfraternal innendoes of others, who will doubtless continue the debate.

We take the following from the Grand Master's Address, which, as a record, is worthy of insertion herein, and as sustaining our position heretofore taken, and will be maintained by us to the end, and again concurred in by Comp. DRUMMOND in his last Report on Correspondence of Maine, in 1894:—

"On the 22d day of November, 1854, the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem issued an address to 'all Royal and Select Masters, and Royal Arch Masons, of the State of Mississippi,' in which it is said that the Jackson meetings were 'without a shadow of authority, and claimed, and even usurped, jurisdiction over the Royal and Select degrees, notwithstanding they were fully advised that there was a Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem in the State of Mississippi, which had claimed and exercised jurisdiction over those degrees for a quarter of a century, and under whose jurisdiction nearly all the Royal and Select Masters in this State received those degrees.' It is declared that the 'object of this address is, however, not to complain, but to inform the companions of the true state of the case, that the erring may relieve themselves from their false position.' An extended report on the subject of the degrees, by ALBERT PIKE, then Grand High Priest of Arkansas, is given, in support of the position of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem.

"The Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem was organized some time prior to 1829. I have a copy of its 'Mandates and Decrees,' bearing that date; in it I find the following reference to the Council degree now known as the Select Master:—

"'The degree of "Select Masons of 27," and other detached degrees, the right to confer which, has from time immemorial been vested in Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, may be communicated to all worthy Grand Elect Masons, who are desirous of receiving the same, and warrants may be granted to confer said degrees, and also the Knight of the East, should the same at any time be expedient. *But Councils to confer said degrees* shall always be attached to *Lodges of Perfection*.'"

A Ritual of the degrees found in the "stong box" of the Princes bears this "certificate of authority:"—

SUPREME COUNCIL CHAMBER.

CHARLESTON, 10th February, 1829.

"I hereby certify that the 'detached degrees' called Royal and Select Master—or Select Masons of 27—were regularly given by the Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, No. 2, in U. S. America, established by J. DE COSTA, D. I. G., in Charleston in February, 1783, one of the original members of which *M.·. Ill.·. B.·.* MOSES C. LEVY is still a member of this body.

"And further, That at the establishment of the Grand Council of Princes

of Jerusalem, 20th February, 1788, in Charleston, by the Deputy Inspector General Jos. MYERS, B. M. SPITZER and A. FORST, *B.·.* MYERS deposited a certified copy from Berlin, in Prussia, of the R. and S. Masters' degree to be under the government and fostering protection of the above-named Grand Council of P. of J.

"*B.·.* MYERS, shortly after this (20th February, 1788), removed to Norfolk, Richmond and Baltimore, and transacted business in each of those cities for some time previous to his return to Europe, and he conferred these degrees upon a number of brethren in those places. The original is in my keeping.

"MOSES HOLBROOK, M. D.,

"*R.+ K.·. K.·. S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. S.·. G.·. I.·. G.·.* of the 33d degree and Grand Commander of the *S.·. P.·. J.·.* of the U. S. of America."

The property of PEREZ SNELL.

"NEW ORLEANS, La., Thursday, June 12, 1856.

"*To all whom it may Concern*—GREETING:

"I hereby certify, in my official capacity as Deputy Inspector General of the 33d degree for the Southern District of the United States of America, that our well beloved Comp. J. C. ELLIOTT, is in possession of a literal and exact copy of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees brought from Berlin, Prussia, by the *Ill.·.* Deputy Inspector General JOSEPH MEYERS, in the year A. D., 1783, and afterwards conferred in due and ancient form, by the Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, No. 2, in Charleston, S. C., United States of America, and subsequently by the legitimate Councils of Royal and Select Masters throughout the United States.

"In testimony whereof, I hereby affix my official signature as Deputy Inspector General of the 33d degree, on this twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-six.

"PEREZ SNELL,

"*R.+ K.·. K.·.—S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·.* Deputy Inspector General of 33d degree for Southern District of the United States of America."

"I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with Deputy Grand Inspector SNELL, whose signature is above written, and that the aforesaid signature is genuine and authentic, having been written in my presence, this twelfth day of June, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

"I further certify that I have carefully examined both the original degrees above referred to and compared them with the copy in possession of Past Master J. E. ELLIOTT, and hereby pronounce the copy perfectly in accordance with the aforesaid original degrees as brought from Berlin, in Prussia, in 1783, by Deputy Inspector General Jos. MYERS.

"W. P. COLEMAN,

R.+ K.·. K.·.—S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·.—P.·. of J.·. Grand Commander JACQUES DE MOLAY, Encampment No. 2, and W.·. M.·. of Dudley Lodge, No. 66, of the City of New Orleans, La."

Comp. PEREZ SNELL, 33°, was well and personally known to us and to a large number of Masons in California and especially in Sonora, Tuolumme county, where he lived many years and died in 1870.

Ill.·. Comp. WM. A. DAVIES, 33°, Past Grand Master of Blue Masonry and Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar, and Past Venerable Grand Master of the Grand Consistory of California, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of California, in his Report of April, 1894, says:—

"The Council degrees are now with us, hence there is no point to the inquiry of Comp. E. if there is room for the Council organization in addi-

the archives of this Grand Consistory, subject to the order of the Supreme Council. Also, that Bro. FAXON be required to affiliate with the subordinate bodies of the A. and A. S. Rite in whose jurisdiction he resides.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. H. CASWELL, 33°,
W. A. DAVIES, 32°,
WM. T. REYNOLDS, 32°.

We have inserted this record concerning Comp. PEREZ SNELL, which completes that in Comp. SPEED's report in Mississippi.

Comp. CASWELL 33° is the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of R. and S. M. of California, and Acting Grand Commander of the Southern Supreme Council.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Mississippi came out of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem of that State on January 18, 1856. "The officers were installed and the Grand Recorder directed to furnish a copy of the Constitution to the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and inform them that the Grand Council was duly organized. An adjournment was then had to the 26th of January, when 'a conveyance of the degrees' was received and placed on the record from the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem."

Like Jack's black pudding, the A. and A. S. Rite furnished the blood and the American Rite the suet and oatmeal, and now it is called a part of the "York Rite." In the form of representative government it may be, but in the drama, ritual and the true spirit of the teachings of the degrees, it is Scottish, the plaid, the fillilibeg, the bonnet and the claymore are there, and we will know the old "coo" still, even though her horns are sawed off and the tail cut off, the brand will still remain, and if properly fed and cared for, will give rich milk still, which will pay for her feed, the milking and the churning.

So much for Mississippi and California in this discussion.

M.·. Ill.·. FREDERIC SPEED was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. J. L. Power re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

1894.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri, assembled in Freemason's Hall, Kansas City, on Wednesday, April 25, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2844, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

There are eight Councils with a membership of 609 in this Jurisdiction.

M.·. Ill.·. WILLIAM F. KEUHN, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. WM. H. MAYO, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The frontispiece of the proceedings bears the phototype profile of the Grand Master, who is in appearance a thoughtful and intellectual looking gentleman. His forehead is high and he has fine chiseled features. In his old age, he will never be found standing behind a young lady taking advantage of her when her hands are full, and trying to get hair enough

to make himself a wig. He will never be taken as a model for old Father Time, but do his mowing elsewhere.

In perusing his Address, we find everything to approve and admire, and rejoice that he has received all the light to be obtained in the Secret Vault, which can only be found in its fullness and splendor, with all its attendant significance, and immediately following the dedication of the Temple by King Solomon, and not to have to seek it among the ruins made by NEBUCHADNEZZAR in its destruction. By the lights with which he has worked, it is a masterpiece of itself, and the Companion who wrought it in due time will receive his reward; and for our part we are willing to accord it to him now. Missouri, the mother of Pacific Coast Blue Masonry whose altar fires were lit up here nearly half of a century ago, may well feel proud of such a Mason and a Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite. Missouri, All Hail!

His Address is so good, and so replete with sparking truths that it ought to appear in full in the proceedings of all the Grand Councils, and a copy placed in the hands of every Royal and Select Master. We quote as far as space will permit, as follows:—

"ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS—'The inaudible and noiseless foot of time' has measured another year by heart throbs. By the blessings and mercies of Him before whom we have bowed in reverent obedience and praise, we are again permitted to assemble in fraternal handclasp and brotherly greeting, to review the past and to prepare for the future. Each returning Assembly brings with it its joys and pleasures, its responsibilities and cares.

"We to-day plant the twenty-ninth mill-stone in the journey of this Grand Council, and add one more volume to the record of her life. May the stone be planted deep and firm in the rock of eternal truth, and the volume be closed by the golden triple seal of brotherly love, relief and truth.

"It is with pleasure that I greet you, one and all, within the Royal Vault, and say to you, Welcome, and 'Welcome ever smiles,' and also take up the agreeable duty to present you an account of my labors, and that of the Craft during the year. Health, peace and prosperity reign everywhere in our jurisdiction. Nothing has occurred to mar the harmony and goodwill in the Secret Vault.

"The labors of the Craftsmen have exceeded my fondest expectations, and although the financial stringency has doubtless reduced our growth fully one-half, yet we congratulate ourselves that the total increase has been excellent, and far in advance of previous years; and I am persuaded that through the zeal and earnest labors of the faithful Craft, Cryptic Masonry is better known and understood in our Grand Jurisdiction than at any time in its history.

"I can truthfully say, all is well for Cryptic Masonry in Missouri.

"OUR FRATERNAL DEAD.

"Through the mercies of the Supreme Grand Master the "grim messenger" has not entered into our midst. We meet as an unbroken band, and sorrow sits not brooding in our Assembly. Yet, while we are permitted to rejoice in these Divine favors, and add one more year to the tales of our lives as it is told, our sister jurisdictions have been caused to mourn.

"What is the condition of Cryptic Masonry in our jurisdiction, and what of the future? These are questions of interest to us all. I prefer to

judge the future by the present, and not by the past. For, as we look over the history of Cryptic Masonry in our State, we are surprised at the poor record that has been made.

"Thirty years ago the first Council was organized, and yet our numbers are far from full. Craftsmen do not throng the Secret Vault. Twenty-five Councils have been organized since that time, yet only seven answer to roll call.

"Why has not Cryptic Masonry flourished in our State, in proportion to other bodies, or kept pace with some of our younger sister jurisdictions?

"To the solution of this question I desire to call your attention, and, if possible, lay plans for the future. I would prefer to pronounce eulogies, to sound a tribute of praise, rather than to find fault, or lay bare errors; but I am of the opinion that the office of Grand Master means more than to preside at the Annual Assembly, wear the honors of the office and then to retire into oblivion. In looking over the history of our Order in this jurisdiction, and from what I could gather from my visitations, I attribute the poor showing of Cryptic Masonry to three causes:

"*First*—Non-supervision by the Grand Council.

"*Second*—Lack of proper paraphernalia and, therefore, imperfect rendition of the work.

"*Third*—Apathy of the members.

"This Grand Council has held twenty-eight Annual Assemblies, and how much has it done for the subordinate Councils, except to collect the Grand Council dues, elect a Grand Master and go home? Councils have been born into our household, and what has been done to keep them alive? How much supervision have they received? An answer to this question may tend to solve the problem.

"Shall the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar make the Council degrees prerequisites to Templar Orders? No and Yes. If it is to give numerical strength to Cryptic Masonry—No. If it is to make a Templar, a perfect Mason—Yes.

The strength of any organization depends and lies in the devotion and zeal of its devotees, and not in the number of members. Numerical strength is not moral strength, and the Companion who would take the Council degrees simply as a means to the end of obtaining Templar honors, is a useless Craftsman in the Royal Vault, and it would have been far better if the door had remained forever guarded and closed.

The highest tribute that Cryptic Masonry can claim to-day, is that her subjects are free men, and that her Craftsmen have entered of their own "free will and accord." Templarism can add nothing to Cryptic Masonry, but Cryptic Masonry can add much to Templarism, and because of this, Cryptic Masonry is not a beggar at the door of the Grand Encampment. I admit the argument, that by being a prerequisite, that the dues from this necessarily increased number would permit us to embellish the degrees and make us financially strong, and a few might be brought to a true knowledge of the beauties of these degrees that otherwise would not. Yet, Cryptic Masonry does not stand as a tax-gatherer of unwilling fees, neither does it attempt to open the eyes of the blind by force.

"The true meanings of Masonry, its mysteries, its interpretations are dark and meaningless, until we receive the Council degrees; with them comes a revelation that must arouse our profound admiration and research. It is the midday splendor of the noonday sun; and I believe no man can call himself a whole Mason who has not received the Council degrees.

"For he who can stand on the sublime eminence of the Select Master's degree and look down and over the beautiful field of symbolism that he has passed through, may feel 'as if he sat under a shower of gold and rich pearls were hailed upon him.'"

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.* Comp. WM. H. MAYO, convering twenty-two and a half pages. He gives to California nearly two pages, and though he honestly differs with us, which he and every other Companion has the inherent and indisputable right to do, we can but admire his spirit and candor and honesty of heart as a true Companion. He says that our views on the prerequisition question "are sound," and quotes what we said on that question. Ere long many others will come to the same conclusion.

In his reveiw of Maine he says:—

"The Report on Masonic Jurisprudence is by Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND. It is, of course, like everything that emanates from his brain, *logical and generally conclusive.*"

He then quotes the following from DRUMMOND:—

"The statement that the *degrees* were side degrees of the A. and A. Rite has been abundantly proved by records to be erroneous. The *Royal* degree was entirely separate from the *Select*, and carried South from New York, etc."

Now, for Comp. MAYO's sake, as he says that everything which emanates from DRUMMOND's brain is *logical and generally conclusive*, we will put DRUMMOND AGAINST DRUMMOND, who, in his very last report, says:—

"But time and further examination have only confirmed us in the opinion expressed in 1870, that these degrees were originally 'side degrees' of the A. and A. S. Rite, and therefore, one possessor of them had as much right to confer them as any other possessor of them, subject only to the limitations of the ritual."

The court has a second time reversed its decision, and now confirms the first, 1870, and 1894, the last. It is not exactly like that of PHILIP sober, PHILIP drunk, and PHILIP sober again; but we can only conclude that DRUMMOND has discovered his error, and now finally corrected it again. But, leaving DRUMMOND out of the question altogether, either as a witness or authority in this matter, we stand firm upon the position that we have held from the first, fortified with all the statements made by the living and the dead, and the evidences of history confirming them.

But we do not care when they were made, or who made them; we shall do our best to uphold them with all the energy and power that we can give to the Cryptic Rite. And to make the Councils select, the fee should not be less anywhere than those paid for those conferred in the Royal Arch Chapter. The mistake is made in cheapening them. Put the price up, have all the paraphernalia and equipment complete for the conferring of them, and have every officer and companion up in his work, then the Councils will be filled, and there will be no longer any apathy among the companions, who may be thinking that he has paid for naught, as some of us did, who received the Royal Order of Scotland in Washington in October, 1892.

M.·. Ill.·. WM. RICHARDSON was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WM. H. MAYO re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

1894.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and Appendant Orders of the Province of New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada, met at the Masonic Temple, St. John, N. B., in Annual Convocation on the 20th of August, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894.

M.·. P.·. JOHN V. ELLIS, *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. ROBERT MARSHALL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work,

After the Address of the Grand Master and the Report of the Grand Recorder had been read and other business transacted, the election and installation of Officers took place.

This is all that has come to us in a Circular Report, short and sweet. There is a NOTE at the bottom which says:—

NOTE.—Immediately after the Annual Convocation of August, 1895, the proceedings of the years 1892 to 1895, both inclusive, including Constitution, By-Laws, etc., will be published.

M.·. P.·. JOHN V. ELLIS was re-elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. ROBERT MARSHALL re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

1894.

The thirty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons' Hall in the city of Concord, on Monday, May 14th, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894.

There are eleven Councils with a membership of 1,336, being an increase of 39 over the previous year.

M.·. Ill.·. JAMES C. BADGER, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Master's Address is brief, but shows that he has been a faithful Overseer of the Workmen in that jurisdiction. He says.—

"The year just passed has been, I am pleased to say, a very pleasant one to me. My duties have not been laborious, and I think I can say that Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction is in a healthy and harmonious condition."

The work of visitation is divided between himself and the Deputy Grand Master, and the reports are highly favorable in their character.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, and covers thirty-four pages, of which CALIFORNIA occupies one. He *cleaves* more with his scissors than with the points of his pen, and is more of a statistician than commentator, and believes that is the best way of making a "model report, giving a general idea of what is being done by other Grand Councils, with but few suggestions of his own, and enters no controversy with other reporters." [*Vide* his report on Kansas.]

We like his mild disposition to a certain extent, and, being so amiable a person, he never would complain of what was set before him on the table if he lived at a boarding house, where he would be an invaluable guest. We concur in many of his conclusions, wherein he differs with others, and he is a smooth and polished stone in the Secret Vault, and a fair reflector of the light therein, though it is not electric. He is more of marble than of the granite of the Kearsage mountain of the "Granite State." He is a most useful ornament to the Sacred Crypt.

M.·. Ill.·. James C. Badger was re-elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. George P. Cleaves re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

1894.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey, was held at Masonic Hall, Trenton, on Tuesday, January 23d, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894.

There are seven Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of four hundred and forty-four, being an increase of seventeen over the previous year.

M.·. I.·. John A. Parker, Grand Master, presiding. and *Ill.·.* Comp. Charles Bechtel keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Master's Address is fraternal and cordial in spirit, and he has gone about his work of suspervision of those under his charge in a most commendable manner. The sentry at his post in that jurisdiction does not have to halloo out "Grand Rounds, turn out the Guard!" but he says:—

"All of my visits have been made without advising the Councils of my intentions, as I had a great desire to see the Companions with their 'working clothes' on, thereby enabling me to form an opinion of the actual condition of each Council, for it is well known that with timely notice each could have a large attendance, with good work, but no correct opinion could be formed of the general state of the Order.

"My labors during the years have been light, no questions of jurisprudence having come before me. This is not because of any lack of interest throughout the Order, for the Councils, with one exception, are working and generally meeting upon their stated nights. I conclude, therefore, that peace and harmony prevail among us, and all questions are decided for the good of the Craft and without discussion.

"I am assured by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence that a report will be presented at this Assembly, and I congratulate this Grand Council upon the selection of its committee. The *Ill.·.* Companions who have undertaken this work knew full well what was before them, but realizing as I do that our prosperity depends largely upon our intercourse with sister jurisdictions, they entered upon their work with a heartiness of purpose that is always successful."

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. Josiah Tice and covers twenty-eight pages, of which two are given to California. He comes into the field fresh and with a vigorous atmosphere that comes from off

the Atlantic, where the sprig of acacia is a "Long Branch" and grows thriftily. He is a Masonic Andalucian in "Spain," a walker and searcher after light which that word means. We take his criticisms in good part and like the spirit which animates him, for he is no "Pharisee" "holier than thou" sort of a Companion, as some of our piqued and prudish co-temporaries are. We can assure him with all truthfulness that we do not carry our scriptures in a syringe, as his language would imply, though our ancient Companions kept them in rolls and cylinders.

He desires further light, and we would refer him to the History of the Cryptic Rite by *Ill.·.* Comp. EUGENE GRISSOM, 33°, in the History of Freemasonry and the Concordant Orders; to Comp. SPEED'S Address of Mississippi of last year, PIKE, MACKAY and other eminent and reliable authorities. We at one time placed great reliance upon DRUMMOND, but we can no longer do so. He argues on both sides, is inconsistent and contradictory with himself, reverses his own decisions, and finally comes back to his "original opinion, formed in 1870, that the degrees of Royal and Select Master were 'side degrees' of the A. and A. S. Rite." When a big ship no longer minds her helm, and is liable to get wrecked, it is time to send a tug to tow her into a safe harbor and put her into the dry-dock for repairs; otherwise she is dangerous to herself as well as all on board, and smaller craft sailing alongside or in her wake are in peril of being crushed like cockleshells by her ponderous weight. We would commend Comp. TICE to also carefully read DRUMMOND'S review of Illinois. There are some grains of truth to be found even in his vacillating and wavering logic. A jury could not decide between DRUMMOND and DRUMMOND; and only a most careful analysis of all of his statements and opinions, sustained by collateral proofs, could an unbiased Supreme Court come to any other conclusion than that DRUMMOND'S opinion formed in 1870, and re-pronounced in 1894, is the correct one, regardless of what he may have expressed contrary thereto in intervening years, which have led many into error. There is one thing we will call Comp. TICE'S attention to, and that is: No Royal and Select Master, made in a Lodge of Perfection or Council of Princes of Jerusalem of the A. and A. S. Rite, has ever had to be HEALED!

We have to leave Spain and move on. *Adios!*

M.·. Ill.·. JOSIAH TICE was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

1894.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York, convened in Annual Assembly in the city of New York, on Tuesday, September 4th, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894, at 10 o'clock A. M.

There are twenty-six subordinate Councils with a membership of 3,594 in this jurisdiction.

M.·., *Ill.·.* GEORGE A. NEWELL, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE VAN VLIET keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Master's Address is kind and tenderly fraternal in spirit, hopeful in nature, and of strong faith in the successful progress of the Rite. He reports the details of his official labors, and pays due tribute to the memories of those who have ceased to labor in the Secret Vault.

The correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, whom we would like to take by the hand; for he is one of the most genial, fair and courteous correspondents of the whole reportorial corps, and disposed to act justly, and to pleasantly differ in opinion without acting the Pharisee. His report covers sixty-six pages, in which he well distributes his quotations and comments, and California receives two and a half pages, chiefly quotations from our Report of last year.

The discussion and controversy between Committees of Correspondence has been conducted by them in accordance with the lights in the possession of each. Some with that of smoldering charcoal; some with tallow dips; others with lard oil lamps from Chicago, with the tail of a porker for a wick, and using the tusk of a boar for a stylus; others with kerosene burners liable to explode; some with gas, and others with the uncertain "Drummond," and others with incandescent electric lights, but all claiming to "keep the Holy Fire" in the Secret Vault. "According to thy faith be it unto you," was spoken by one of old; and so, according to the light of each and the condition of sight and mental vision the work is spread out on the trestle board for the honest seeker after truth, who will find something worthy of the time spent in examination, and he will find pleasing occupation in the perusal of the correspondence written by Comp. OSGOODDBY of New York.

Comp. OSGOODBY compels us to exclaim "the Dickens," for he names us "*Richard*," which is a mistake he will correct in his next report.

He quotes largely from DRUMMOND, who last year contradicted what he had said the year before, and his authority becomes unreliable.

Comp. OSGOODBY agreed with us to a certain extent in his former report, but he now recedes from his position with a *proviso*, which has as much effect as striking out the enacting clause of a bill before a legislature, and like the permission of a mother to her son Johnnie, "that he might go in swimming, but not to go near the water." There was so much lamentation about the lack of interest taken in the Council degrees, and the Cryptic Rite falling into decay, and possible dissolution in some jurisdictions, that to keep it alive it was necessary to brace it up by running into it the squadrons of cavalry of the Knights Templar, and making it compulsory and as a prerequisite before a Royal Arch Mason should put on the spurs and travel on horseback as a chivalrous Sir Knight; that he should go through the nine arches to the Secret Vault, which is not a stable, with oats and hay, nor where boots and saddles are stored. To this we objected as not being truly Masonic, for the trowel of the Mason

cannot be converted into a currycomb, nor the latter be made into a trowel; and let the bugler once sound the stable call or assembly, and the rush through the corridor of the nine arches would be fearful, leaving only a faithfal Zabud to secure the Secret Vault from the intruders.

We suggested a remedy for the evil and lack of interest, to return to the old paths. The Lodge of Perfection of the A. and A. S. Rite is the original owner and retainer of the true mysteries of the Secret Vault in which it completes its work, and the Select Master's degree was a side degree of the Fourteenth, also worked in the Lodges of Perfection and Councils of Princes of Jerusalem in the Southern Jurisdiction, and originally belonged to them. Even in the Northern Jurisdiction, that Supreme Council in a Lodge of Perfection at Newport, R. I., chartered by it in 1850, maintained a Council of Royal and Select Masters, and worked the degrees. We suggested that the Councils be opened to Fourteenth Degree Masons of the A. and A. S. Rite as before, and thus strengthen the Cryptic Rite with those who still wore the lambskin and the sword and worked with the trowel, instead of looking after horsehides, saddles, currycombs and plumes. Comp. OSGOODBY thought that the suggestion was worthy of consideration. A howl of opposition was raised all along the line, like that of those who are receivers and purchasers, or enjoyers of stolen property; and in Illinois, in 1891, it was proposed to steal more. To invent a new degree for the Cryptic Rite, and rob the A. and A. S. Rite still further of the title of "Perfect Master," and attach it to it. To this we most strenuously objected, and to some purpose; but the mortification and chagrin of the fabricator and proposer, at his defeat, produced an overflow of the gall bladder in his system, resulting in an attack of chronic jaundice, from which he cannot recover. Calomel, blue-mass and jalap are ineffective as remedies, while his optics are distended and green has become their normal color, while he is in danger from suffocation from the carbonic acid gas accumulated in the corridor of his own Secret Vault; and in addition thereto, he yet may have to be operated upon for his *appendicitis* of his "Perfect Master."

Returning to DRUMMOND, under Illinos, 1893, he says that the reason that the charter for a Council of Royal and Select Masters was revoked from the Lodge of Perfection at Newport, R. I., in 1867 (after having worked under it for seventeen years), was because "that after 1855 every member of the Supreme Council (N. J.), save perhaps two, was a R. and S. Master of the obedience of a Grand Council." So when they came unto what was rightfully their own, by priority of title, they proved false to their trust and destroyed it. What became of the R. and S. Masters of that Lodge of Perfection at Newport, R. I., he does not tell us. Certainly, they being sound and legitimate, did not have to be "*healed*." DRUMMOND says further:—

Comp. WARVELLE concludes that the Royal degree was invented in New York, and probably by LOUNDES. *In this we do not concur*. The only evidence he adduces is that LOUNDES was one of the founders of *Columbian*

Council, in 1810, and was at the head of it, and the fact that that Council conferred other degrees, which *he also assumes that* LOUNDES *fabricated*. THIS IS NO EVIDENCE. On the other hand, *they were not inventing degrees in New York then*. A degree to be received at all must have the odor, at least, of antiquity, *and must come from some high European authority, actual or pretended!* (Query. How about WEBB's work?) JACOBS conferred degrees upon LOUNDES, as well as others who became associated with GOURGAS. It is more likely that JACOBS *brought the degree in his budget;* he was a veritable degree monger, and made himself so obnoxious that he was expelled upon the allegation that he inserted in his patent the words 'and with power to initiate others.' But, of course, *there is no positive evidence of this*. It has been suggested that as one of the Scottish Rite parties had the Select degree and the other the Royal degree, the latter came from CERNEAU, according to the old tradition.

"Comp. WARVELLE attributes the Select Council in New York in 1821 to CROSS: *we have seen no evidence of that;* it was composed wholly of members of *Columbian* Council; *apparently they came together, organized a Council of their own motion, and were absorbed into the other the same evening.* CROSS was careful to publish a list of the Councils chartered by him, but we have never seen any list which contained the name of this Council."

[The italics are our own.]

DRUMMOND is adroit and shifting in his statements and opinions, adapting himself to the occasion. Now one side and then the other. The real truth and evidence not yet brought to light excepting that in the Jurisdiction of the Southern Supreme Council, is to be sought for in the debris covered up by the union of the factions and the absorption of the CERNEAU virus in the reunion and re-incorporation of the Northern Supreme Council in 1867, of which DRUMMOND himself became the compromise head. This we have not yet touched, but shall do so, and if possible, drag to light that which has been smothered and concealed by those who were directly and indirectly putting the Cryptic Rite to death in that Supreme Council and in its subordinates where it rightfully belonged.

It was a custom centuries ago among sculptors, to mark their statues and fine artistic work with the compound word *sin-cere*. It had been a habit with some inferior workmen to cover any flaw or crack with wax to conceal the defect. The test that the work was submitted to was to place it in the hot sun, which would cause the wax to melt and run, and thus expose the defect of the work intended to be palmed off as perfect. Hence the word "sincere" without wax. So we will endeavor to bring out the work, try it in the sun and apply the Masonic thermometer to it, and see if it is *sin cere* and without wax.

We do not care for opposition, supercillious prejudices, pharasical assumption of a false dignity, or the venom of evil minded antagonists, and we shall not attack a Chicago in the rear. We once witnessed the effects of that upon a schoolmate of ours when a boy, and learned a lesson by his experience. "*Honi soi qui mal y pense,*" "evil to him who evil thinks." We have no apologies to make for our motives, nor the humorous facetia in which our ideas have been conveyed, without malice, and which

have been perverted and misapplied by those who have made a pretext of offended propriety and dignity, to cover a defeat in argument by the presentation of historic facts and truth which are incontrovertible and sustained by the records.

"TRUTH crushed to earth will rise again,
The eternal years of God are hers
While ERROR wounded writhes in pain,
And dies amid her worshipers."

The representation of the Third degree shows that there were fifteen rascals ready to conspire against and murder one; to rob him of what he had, which three accomplished but were caught, tried, convicted, sentenced and punished, and there are too many now who claim to be Royal Select and would be "Perfect Masters," who are by descent and lineage of the stock of the twelve who went unpunished." "Let the galled jade wince, our withers are unwrung."

We never expect to see the Cryptic Rite born again, or return to the bosom of its mother, the Supreme Council, from which it sprang, nor do we now desire that she shall recover it. She has enough as it is that is worthy of the attention of the intelligent Masonic student, whose cranium is not filled with set plaster of Paris, like those whose chivalric nomenclature should be the "Knights of Putty or of the Gypsum Heads."

In our argument we have contended for the legitimacy of the Cryptic Rite, and defended it against the innovation proposed to be made in it and against the attacks of those who as Royal and Select Masters made against their mother, whether it be from one individual or many, some of whom may be *in* the Scottish Rite, but are not *of* it. Policy and expediency in history are not in our vocabulary, but absolute truth, fact and right, and *Fiat justitia ruat cælum*" in relation to history is our motto. Comp. OSGOODBY we take a temporary leave of you until next year. *Adios!*

M.·. Ill.·. GEORGE A. NEWELL was re-elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE VAN VLIET re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

1894.

The sixty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Ohio was held in the Auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. Building at Columbus, Ohio, September 18th, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894, at 10 o'clock A. M.

There are fifty Councils with a membership 3,810 in this jurisdiction, being a gain of 254 over 1893.

M.·. Ill.·. EDWIN MORRELL, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Master's Address, giving an account of his stewardship, covers twenty-two pages, and reports thoroughly in detail his official labors during his term of office, and is worthy of all commendation. We cannot but ask the question, "How can the Grand Jurisdiction of the

Cryptic Rite in the 'Buckeye State' be otherwise than vigorous and prosperous with such a Grand Master?" His phototype adorns the proceedings, and judging from the features of this Most *Ill.·.* Companion, we can come to no other conclusion than that he is a man of pertinacity and determination to get all the good out of any matter or business he undertakes. Under his administration and direction, success must crown any enterprise which is once placed under his control. We congratulate Ohio in having so faithful a Grand Master.

The Report on Correspondence is as usual by *M.·. I.·.* Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, P. G. M., and covers fifty-five pages, together with a "Historical Sketch of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina from 1822–1883. From the birth to the death of that Grand Council.

California receives a fair notice covering a page.

In relation to Grand Master SPEED's Address before the Grand Council of Mississippi, he says:—

"He spoils a page of his Address by spreading upon it a *story* dated in 1829 and signed by MOSES HOLBROOK, claiming that the Council degrees came from Berlin and were *given* in Charleston, South Carolina, by a Lodge of Perfection in 1783."

How a page can be spoiled in the citing of a historic record of truth and fact, from evidence in hand, we cannot conceive.

We take the following summary from the records and transactions of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States:—

"No. 14.

"By unanimous resolution of the aforesaid Supreme Council Bro. PERRZ SNELL, as its Deputy and Proxy, 'was authorized to confer or communicate any or all of the degrees known by the name of Ineffable or Sublime, including Knights of St. Andrew *K* † *H*, Grand Inquiring Commander and Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret, *and all the detached degrees usually given by the authority of the Supreme Council*,' &c. This authority was granted by the Supreme Council February 10, 1829, and signed by MOSES HOLBROOK, M. D. Sov. Gr. Commander, and the next five officers in rank, M. C. LEVY, ALEX. MCDONALD, HORATIO G. STREET, JAMES MOULTRIE, M. D., and JOHN ROCHE, and the patent of authority has the following endorsement:—

"Received, Charleston, 17th February, 1829, of Doct. M. HOLBROOK, a charter for Grand Council of P. of J. at N. Orleans, a power of Deputy Inspector, with some particular instructions for his guidance.

"PERCY SNELL,

'*R.·.* + *K.·. H.·. S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·.* & *D.·. I.·. G.·.*'

"No. 26.

"MASONIC HALL, NATCHEZ, October 2, 1829.

"A number of Illustrious Knights and Princes of Jerusalem, residing in and about the city of Natchez, in the State of Mississippi, having petitioned PERCY SNELL, Esq., *D.·. I.·. G.·.* for the Supreme Grand Council of the Southern District of the United States of America, to grant to them a Dispensation to form themselves into a Just and Legal Grand Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, of the State of Mississippi, to be holden in the city of Natchez, the prayer was granted and the following Dispensation issued, etc.:—

"JOHN A. QUITMAN, Esq., 1st Most Equitable Grand Sovereign.
"STURGIS SPRAGUE, Esq., 1st Most Equitable Sub. Grand Sovereign.
"ROBERT STEWART, Esq., 1st Most Enlightened Grand Warden, and other officers.

"This Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem held a Lodge of Perfection within its bosom, and was authorized to confer all the degrees from the 4th or Secret Master to the 16th or Prince of Jerusalem, inclusive.

"Also to confer the degrees of *Royal and Select Master or Mason of 27*, to admit members and to do all other business appertaining to said degrees, conforming in all their doings to the By-Laws of the aforesaid Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem and the Rules and Regulations of the said Supreme Council of the 33d degree, etc.

"This was duly sealed and signed, delivered, and a copy thereof returned to the Supreme Council."

Gen. QUITMAN we knew well. His Masonic record was most honorable and without a flaw from the Master of his Lodge to Grand Master of his State, High Priest of his Chapter and Commander of his Consistory. A profound lawyer and statesman, be became the Governor of his State. A courteous gentleman of kindly heart and affable and approachable to all. Every inch of him a true soldier, brave in battle and a skillful General, and to him was accorded the honor by General WINFIELD SCOTT, of the leading Division, after the storming of the Castle of Chapultepec, to enter the city of Mexico and plant the American flag over the Halls of the Montezumas, in which campaign we had the pleasure to perform a part and can bear testimony to this part of his character and life.

The personnelle of the Grand Council of the Princes of Jerusalem of Mississippi was the peer of any Masonic body ever created.

"No. 27.

"On the 13th of March, 1851, REUBEN NASON was appointed Deputy Inspector General of the Southern Supreme Council for the States of Louisiana and Mississippi, and on the 6th of July following, writing from Aberdeen, Miss., he reports officially of having constituted the following Councils of Royal and Select Masters:—

"1. *Houston* Council, March 15, 1851, at Houston, Chickasaw county.
"2. *Kosciusko* Council, April 2, 1851, at Kosciusko, Attala county.
"3. *Pontotoc* Council, April 8, 1851, at Pontotoc, Pontotoc county.
"4. *Cayuga* Council, June 7, 1851, at Cayuga, Hinds county.

"All these Councils are in the State of Mississippi. Besides this the degrees of Royal and Select Master have been conferred upon nine brethren at points where no Council exists.

"There are many Councils in the State of Mississippi acting under dispensations from *Ill.* J. A. QUITTMAN, Sov. Gr. Ins. Gen., to some of which, where your Deputy was appointed, he proffered his services to procure for them charters from the Supreme Council. From none of them, however, has he received any reply. He apprehends that these Councils are not fully aware of their standing, and may proceed to establish a Grand Council, expecting to obtain charters from that Body. To prevent any such unprecedented proceeding, the liberty is taken of recommending to the Supreme Council to correspond with the principal Councils above referred to, viz.: Those at Jackson, Vicksburg, Canton, Raymond, Yazoo City, Lexington, Vernon, Brownsville and Carrolton. *Natchez* Council holds a charter from the Council of Princes of Jerusalem at Natchez. So far as your Deputy has been able to ascertain the Council last named never had a Charter, but acted under dispensation until a charter was granted to the

Consistory and perhaps for some time afterwards. At Holly Springs that Council *holds a charter or dispensation from the Grand Council of Connecticut.*"

Here is a clear case of invasion of jurisdiction by Connecticut invading that of the Supreme Council for the Southern District or Jurisdiction of the United States. Perhaps Comp. WILLIAMS may claim Mississippi as a part of the "Connecticut Reserve" of Ohio.

"At that very time and on June 30, 1851, the Northern Supreme Council by J. J. J. GOURGAS, 33°, its *M.·. P.·.* Sov. Gr. Commander, and his officers next in rank RAYMOND, MOORE, VAN RENSSELAER, BULL, CHRISTIE, TURNER and YATES sent letters to the *R.·. W.·.* Grand Lodge of South Carolina denouncing a second publication in the New York Herald of the 20th inst. [June, 1851,] and in the New York Express of the day following, purporting to be a notice of the pretended establishment of a 'Supreme Grand Council for the Northern *Hemisphere* (!) of the United States of America' with the following names as officers thereof, headed by a new champion JEREMY L. CROSS, with the notorious HENRY C. ATWOOD as his *Grand Master of Ceremonies*, and WILLIAM H. ELLIS, and WILLIAM H. JONES of New Haven, Conn., JOHN S. DARCY of Newark, N. J., N. B. HASWELL of Burlington, Vt., and ROBERT B. FOLGER and JOHN W. SIMONS of New York. Said pretended body is declared to be formed 'under an American organization,' being an *amalgamation* of the degrees of the 'Ancient and Accepted Rite' with the American Chapter and Encampment degrees—a HYBRID arrangement, tending to the wholesale breaking up of every ancient Masonic landmark, and totally at war with all constitutional Masonic laws as well as common sense.

"Now, therefore, be it distinctly and universally known and remembered, that all and everyone of the aforementioned individuals have usurped the right to degrees into which they have never been lawfully initiated; that they have been and are practicing a gross and palpable imposition on the Masonic fraternity of the United States, in shamelessly assuming to confer degrees and exercise powers with which they are not invested, and to which they have no lawful claim; that they are dangerous agitators and disturbers of the peace, harmony and good government of the Masonic Order; and, as such, should receive the condemnation of all 'good and true' Masons.

"'*Resolved*, That our Masonic Brethren throughout the United States and the world, be, and they are hereby cautioned against the aforenamed individuals, as *impostors in Masonry*, whose only object seems to be deception, for purposes of unenviable notoriety and pecuniary profit.

"'*Ordered*, That all intercourse with them, on the part of Brethren acknowledging the authority of this Northern Supreme Grand Council of the Thirty-third and last degree 'Ancient and Accepted Rite,' be and is hereby *interdicted* under the heaviest penalty of Masonic law.'"

CROSS, it would seem, had exhausted his field in peddling the Royal and Select Masters' degrees, and started to work over the old diggings of the CERNEAU fraud of thirty-five years previous in 1814, to which Comp. WILLIAMS gives three pages for Comp. OSGOODBY'S benefit.

We do not think Comp. SPEED "spoiled a page by spreading upon it a story" in his citing historic facts, nor that any pages are spoiled by our citations of history copied from the records. They are herein inserted and require no argument, for they are substantial proofs.

M.·. Ill.·. LEWIS M. LEA was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON.

1894.

The Ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Oregon was held at the Masonic Hall in McMinnville, Oregon, on Wednesday, April 4, 1894, at 3 o'clock P. M.

There are three subordinate Councils with a membership of one hundred and seventy-two in this adjoining jurisdiction, being a gain of fifteen over the previous year.

M.·. I.·. J. F. WISECARVER, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. SETH L. POPE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

We take the following extracts from the Grand Master's Address:

"ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS—Again the wheel of Time, in its rotation, has brought us together in annual assembly. One cannot be more forcibly reminded of the flight of time than by these annual reunions or assemblies of the craft. It seems to me only a few short months since you honored me with the election as your chief officer, and now the time has come when I must give you an account of my stewardship.

"My companions, it affords me much pleasure to welcome you, one and all, to this, our ninth annual assembly, and let us, with grateful hearts, first render thanks to the Grand Master above for the manifold blessings we have enjoyed since our last meeting. Our Order is in a flourishing condition, harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction. We can rejoice in the fact that the grim destroyer, death, has but once entered our secret vault, and that during the past year none of the members of this Grand Council have received the summons to pass the unseen circle.

"While our efforts have not been crowned with the success wished for during the year, we have not gone back any. Our gain last year is about ten per cent., and, as my predecessor has said: 'With a little missionary work there could be several councils organized within our Grand Jurisdiction.'

"Illustrious Companions, not to thank you at this time for the high honor conferred upon me one year ago, by electing me to the office of *T.·. I.·.* Grand Master of this Grand Council, would be a most ungrateful act upon my part; but I am unable to find words to express to you my appreciation of this high honor. I have fulfilled my duties to the best of my abilities. Errors I have made, that I know, but it is 'Human to err and divine to forgive,' and trust that you will cover my errors with the broad mantle of Masonic charity. I again thank you, hoping that you will ever be as ready to render assistance to my successor as you have been to me. Fraternally,

"J. F. WISECARVER, Grand Master."

This little nine year old Grand Council is worthy of all encouragement and praise. With but three subordinate Councils it goes right along cheerfully and hopefully, no whining about "prerequisition," but depending upon its own energy and independence it goes ahead in a manner worthy of the emulation of more pretentious bodies. They seem to be all *wise carvers* or sculptors in that Grand Secret Vault. May every success, prosperity and posterity attend them.

M.·: Ill.·. A. L. TYLER was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. SETH L. POPE re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

1894.

The *M.·. P.·.* Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania held its forty-eighth Annual Assembly at Masonic Hall, Harrisburg, Wednesday, February 14, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894.

There are twenty-one Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 1,812, being an increase of 49 over the previous year.

M.·. P.·. D. GALE FRENCH, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Master's Address occupies sixteen pages, and is in every way an honor to the "Old Keystone State." GOD bless her.

We take from it the following extracts:—

"ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS: Once more the trees of the forests have dropped their leaves; another year has been added to the ages of the past since last we met in Grand Assembly, at which time you so kindly and highly honored me, by an election to the highest office within your gift. And now, standing before you as your retiring Grand Master, I raise my Crown and *Salute* the *Great Future* that lies before this *M.·. P.·.* Grand Council, so too, do I, with the most kindly and fraternal feelings, welcome you, one and all, to this the forty-eighth (48) Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania.

"The flight of time has brought us nearer, though silently, yet swiftly and surely, to the end of life's troublesome journey. Life is a mystery that no man can fathom, yet we know that our efforts in this life are either for good or for bad, and we are so gregarious by nature that with others our lives are interwoven, illustrating and thereby showing that 'No man liveth to himself.'

"To some of us the year that is now just drawing to a close has been one replete with pleasure and prosperity, whilst to many others it has been that of sad disappointment, and accompanied with poignant pain and sorrow. Thankful indeed ought we to be to GOD, our Grand Master above (for it is through the infinite goodness and mercy, of this loving and ever forgiving SAVIOUR), we are permitted to meet here, at this time, in this, the city of Harrisburg, replete in historical events, in this the forty-eighth Annual Grand Assembly, while so many have been called upon to join the countless hosts that once lived, but seen with us no more forever; their voices are hushed in death.

"We have come hither, from our widely separated homes, having laid aside our family ties and business cares, to review the past and arrange and legislate for the future. We will hope, with profitable results to this Grand Council and honor to us individually, to that end may we receive wisdom from on high; may the light of His countenance shine upon us, and so illuminate us that whatever we shall do will receive the approval of our Grand Master above. And finally, may we be admitted into that Grand Council above, to which we are all anxiously looking, where we shall rest from our labors, and be *forever* at *peace*."

The following is the report of the committee, which is well deserved:—

"We congratulate the Grand Council in having had an active and aggressive Grand Master during the past year. He has furnished a diligent and intelligent administration of affairs, and we esteem him for the progressive spirit which he has shown in his efforts to strengthen Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, and for the good work which he

has done in that line. His services, given unsparingly, as evidenced by his report, and his devotion to the cause in which he was engaged, have added to the interest and strengthened the Rite in Pennsylvania.

"For his zeal, fidelity and ability shown during his term of office as Grand Master, he is entitled to the gratitude of his companions and the thanks of the Grand Council, and deserves to receive from this Grand Body some testimonial, not by way of a reward, but as a remembrance, in the days to come, of the many warm and devoted companions with whom he has been associated in the 'Auld Lang Syne.'"

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. JAMES C. STEVENSON, and covers forty-four pages, of which two are devoted to California.

He is puzzled over the recommendation of Grand Master WM. FRANK PIERCE "to memorialize the Grand Commandery of California, requesting *it* (the Gr. Com.) to make the Council Degrees prerequisite to the Orders of the Temple." And asks, "Are there no Knights Templar in the Grand Council of California?" If there are, "Could they not have informed the Grand Council that no authority exists in a Grand Commandery to legislate upon the subject of qualifications for the Orders of the Temple?"

To which we reply the Grand Council of California is full of them, and that is the main trouble of their clamors for prerequisition.

P.·. Grand Master WM. FRANK PIERCE is a Past Commander of Oakland Commandery, No. 11, and from Erie, Pennsylvania.

He quotes liberally from our report of 1893, and remarks:—

"Companion SHERMAN has established the fact (in his own estimation) that the Council degrees were originally side degrees in the Scottish Rite, and favors the admission of fourteenth degree Masons (whether in possession of the Capitular degrees or not) because of this alleged origin."

We said so then and reiterate the same now, as being preferable to the "prerequisition" method proposed for the reasons given. As we have said so much upon this question in this and former reports, we will refer him to our review of Maine, Mississippi and Ohio to sustain our position.

M.·. P.·. JOEL S. EABY was elected Grand Master and Comp. JOSHUA L. LYTE was elected Grand Recorder.

1895.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania held its forty-ninth Annual Assembly at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Wednesday, February 13th, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895. Number of Councils, 21; membership, 1,787; loss of the previous year, 25.

M.·. P.·. JOEL S. EABY, Grand Master, presiding and Comp. JOSHUA L. LYTE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Masters' Address is strictly a business document, and a detailed report of the affairs of his office and duty thoroughly performed. In it he pays full tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master CHARLES CHRISTIAN BAER, whose intellectual and serious face in a well-executed steel engraving forms the frontispiece in the proceedings. Also to the memory of Past Grand Master J. LILOND LYTLE, who has reached the Secret Vault and learned the mysteries which to the living Companions are unknown.

We learn from his Address for the first time of the organization of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Colorado on December 6, 1894, at the city of Denver, in that State, by a convention of six Councils chartered by the General Grand Council. And it was

Resolved, "That the Grand Recorder be instructed to notify the General Grand Council of the United States, and the Grand Councils of the several States, that a Grand Council has been duly organized in and for the State of Colorado, *and that it is the decision of this Grand Council that it act as an independent Grand Council for the present.*

"THOMAS E. SHEARS,
"Grand Recorder."

Those *shears* cut. There is a nut for Comp. MORDHURST to crack. Allegiance dissolved, combination, organization, secession, repudiation, and representation to Mississippi and other States. "Vassals" become united, free, sovereign and independent, and the peer of their mother and all other independent Grand Councils. This beats the question of "pre-requisition" all hollow. Illinois will rejoice while Ohio will have to furnish a "bulldozer" on the part of the General Grand Council to whip it back into the fold at once; or the decree of interdiction and non-intercourse with a declared rebellious and clandestine Grand Council, be proclaimed by the General Grand Council, while Colorado will say, "No pent-up Utica contracts our powers, for the whole cattle range of the Rocky Mountains is ours." We wait with interest the result.

The Report on Correspondence of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania is by Comp. JAMES E. STEVENSON and covers sixteen pages, of which one-half of a page is devoted to California. Aside from the eulogy of Grand Master DAVID PUGH MARSHALL, deceased, and the Address of our then Acting Grand Master, *M.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON, is of local interest only.

In relation to ourself he facitiously remarks in good humor as follows:—

"We have been fortunate in not having said anything to arouse the ire of Companion SHERMAN, but anent our remark made last year, as to his *Milesian* tendencies, he informs us that he is of Plymouth Rock extraction.

"When we meet Companion SHERMAN we will try him with pie; the ability to eat pie neatly and gracefully with a knife being the one infallible test of unmixed Puritan descent."

This is the third time proposed by Pennsylvanians to treat us with pie, which we most positively but respectfully decline. Col. FRANK WYNKOOP, when in command of the 1st Pennsylvania Volunteers at the Castle of Perote, Mexico, in 1847, sent us a gooseberry pie with a thick canvass crust to it, and one taste of it was enough. We gave it to a fellow belonging to the Pittsburg Grays, who ate a part of it and divided it with his comrades, and a more sorry set of first class bellyachers we never saw. It required all the surgeons of that post to relieve them of their painful condition.

The second time was when crossing the Alleghany Mountains by stage in April, 1848, *en route* to Philadelphia with several other comrades. One

of them bought a pie made of "snitz," whatever they may be, and offered us a piece which we declined, and that fellow was made so sick that we had to leave him at Bedford.

No Pennsylvania pie for us. We don't eat pastry, nor have we "the ability to eat pie neatly and gracefully with a knife or a pie-knife trowel. While we are not a drinking man, yet we should naturally have expected that a Pittsburgher like Comp. STEVENSON would have offered us a glass of "Old Monongahela." If he will only come to California we will solace him with the most luscious of fruits and the best of the vintage of our "Golden State," without malice *prepense* or aforethought, and we promise not to double him up with indigestible pastry, or with an alum-flavored pie. If we wished him harm we would recommend him to eat a "Keystone Pie." But we do not want to read his obituary so soon.

M.·. P.·. WILLIAM T. CORSON was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. JOSHUA L. LYTE re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

The forty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of the State of Tennessee was held at Freemasons' Hall, in the city of Nashville, on Monday, January 28, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

There are sixteen Councils, with a membership of 504, in this jurisdiction.

M.·. Ill.·. T. O. MORRIS, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. W. A. CLENDENNING, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Address of the Grand Master is like the sound of a far-off sweet toned bell, but with mournful tones announcing the passing away of some departing friend into the great unknown. He begins his Address by paying fraternal tribute to the memories of *Ill.·.* Companions GEORGE C. CONNOR, GEO. H. WELLS and JOHN FRIZZELL, the latter a Past Grand Master of that Grand Council, names honored and loved by the fraternity, and whose labors for so many years illuminated the pages of Masonic history and literature, and approved by the Recording Angel above, and they are now enjoying their reward.

The Grand Master, in speaking of the state of the Craft in his jurisdiction, gives us a trite expression, which we put in italics:—

"Peace has prevailed throughout all our jurisdiction, at least, I presume so, as not a question has been asked me during my whole term, not a ripple has marred the placid surface of Cryptic Masonry. That the Councils still live, I know by the returns to our Grand Recorder and your presence here to-day. *This quietude I must attribute to the hard times, all being so poor that they cannot even raise a disturbance.*

"In conclusion, permit me to thank you for the high honor you conferred on me, in elevating me to the office that I am now about to vacate. I lay down my insignia of office, with my humble prayer of thanks to the Great Ruler of the Universe that I was permitted to live through it, and once more meet with you around our beloved altar. May happiness and prosperity attend you and the Grand Council of Tennessee in the unknown years to come. 'May the Lord bless you and keep you and make his face to shine upon you—Amen.'"

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. JAMES G. AYDELOTT was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM A. CLENDENNING re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

1894.

The forty-first Annual Assembly of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont was held in the hall of *Burlington* Council, No. 5, R. and S. M., in the city of Burlington, on Tuesday, the 12th day of June, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894.

There are twenty Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 1,038, being a gain of 33 over the previous year.

M.·. Ill.·. EDWIN O. HIBBARD, Grand Master, presiding, and Ill.·. Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The address of the Grand Master is fresh and breezy, and breathes the true spirit of devotion to Cryptic Masonry, and is worthy of all commendation. We have italicized a sentence here and there as especially deserving of notice in the following extracts which we have taken from it:—

"COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF VERMONT:—

"Again it is a pleasure for me to exchange greetings with you, to join with you in returning thanks to the Great Giver of Life for the mercies and blessings of the past year, and to find ourselves permitted to look into each other's faces, grasp each other's hands, strengthen and cement former friendships, and form new ones. We meet not only to review the record and work of the past, but to look forward; to gain courage from any success that may have come to us as a reward for our labors during the year now closed, and to stimulate and strengthen those whose courage and zeal may be wavering. Whatever may be the discouragements and the obstacles to be overcome, it is certain, Companions, that a steady attachment to the principles of our Order, warm, earnest zeal in the cause of the Cryptic Rite, will eventually win success. *Failure (if failure there is) must be chargeable to us;* it cannot be charged to the Order, for nowhere is fidelity to trust more impressively taught than in the Council degrees. Beautiful in their ceremonies, impressive in their symbolic teachings, they are truly worthy of careful study and our best efforts. *Even if they do not abound in fireworks and semi-military display*, they are no less worthy the attention and favor of all searchers after true Masonic light.

"The returns from subordinate Councils indicate that there has been more activity during the past year than in some preceding years, but the showing is not as satisfactory as it might be. Let us be thankful for the progress made, take courage, and as we go from here to our homes, labor with renewed zeal. Never be discouraged or dismayed, but always look upon the bright side and so encourage one another.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. HENRY H. ROSS, and covers thirty-eight and a half pages. The proceedings of California for 1894 are not reviewed, they not having been received. But, in following this young man in his review of other Grand Councils, we find that his maple sap is not quite so vinegary as it was, and that some of it boiled down and laid on ice will become a little waxy, but will not yet granulate into sugar. If care is taken of his tree, and he allows no warvelles near it,

and it strengthens with the growth of years, he will improve with time, as he has already, and we commend him for the good sense displayed in his conclusion, from which we take the following and give him full credit therefor:—

"However proper and right it would be for the Council degrees to be made prerequisite to the Commandery, it becomes more and more evident that it will not come, at present at least. We need not base any hopes upon it.

"The only way we of Vermont can succeed and go ahead is simply to put more work into our work. Let the Grand Master see that the plan of visitation is earnestly followed. Let the same careful criticism of exhibited work be made that obtains in the Lodge. Let the Masters of subordinate Councils see to it that meetings are held regularly and the work *fully* performed; and, if there be no candidate, let a lecture or instruction take the place of work. Let the social element be cultivated. *If a Council be dead, let it be buried and its effects secured.* Let these things be done and there will be a wonderful quickening of the work. Do you say that they cannot be done? Read what is done elsewhere, and you will no longer say so, but will feel that they can and shall be carried out here in Vermont. "Peace and harmony" are desirable, if they are the peace and harmony of active, congenial workers; but if indifference and sloth be characterized as such, then we need a little friction. It develops more heat and warmth. Work! Work by the Grand Master; work by the humblest Companion; work by all is needed. That and that alone will bring success, with all good things in its train.

Under the head of New Jersey, he says of us:—

"We have no controversy with Companion SHERMAN, and only claim the right to be treated in a courteous and gentlemanly manner until we have shown ourselves unworthy to be so treated; and we have no ambition to erect "monuments of satirical effort."

But when we come to Pennsylvania, he speaks of us thusly:—

"But about this fellow from California there is a combined flavor of Pecksniff, South Clark street and the devil that is an offense unto Heaven."

He must have been in company with WARVELLE, of Chicago, where there is, we understand, a South Clark street, and how long he may have reposed in that *mephitic* nest and possibly met the individual he speaks of we cannot tell. We would recommend that he either bury or burn his clothes and take a ground sweat to relieve himself of that odor that now is attached to his own person. We can only adopt the language of the Irishman who was asked by a young impertinent coxcomb, "What he thought of him? to which PAT replied in the most polite manner possible: "Ye want to know my opinion of you, is it? Faith an I'll till ye, sur. Ye are a gintleman and a scholar, but ye lack a d—d hape of education and manners! And if ye'll only stand off and take a look at yoursilf ye'll find a dale of room for a hape of improvemint." We commend PAT'S advice to Comp. Ross, and he may yet make something of himself if he will only follow it.

M.·. Ill.·. EDWIN O. HIBBARD was re-elected Grand Master and *Ill.* Comp. WARREN C. REYNOLDS re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

Your Committee in its review of the Proceedings and Correspondence of other Grand Councils has endeavored, with its limited space allotted by the limited treasury of this Grand Council, to present the condition of the Cryptic Rite as it exists in the Jurisdictions of the various Grand Councils with which California is in correspondence. It is with pleasure that he can attest that it holds its own with other branches of Freemasonry, even in the stringent times which have so seriously affected the whole country at large.

As was to be expected, in the strict adherence to the truth of actual history of the Rite, which had been assailed, and the proposed innovation of interjecting another invented degree into the Cryptic Rite, that of "Perfect Master" proposed by Comp. WARVELLE of Illinois, by taking the name of that degree from the A. and A. S. Rite, which your committee opposed from the beginning, a considerable acerbity of feeling has been encountered which, as time is said to add wisdom with the growth of years, if there is reasonable ground for hope to build upon, may at length allay and cure. *Quien Sabe!*

Our late and *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. ALBERT G. MACKEY, 33°, who was the Secretary General of the Southern Supreme Council for so many long years and the custodian of its archives, and whose statements as to the truth of history cannot be successfully denied or disproved, says: "There is no doubt that these degrees belonged originally to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and were conferred as honorary degrees by the Inspectors of that Rite. As far as regards the interference of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, that question was set at rest in 1870 by the Mother Council, which at its session at Baltimore, formally relinquished all further control over them."

All the evidence as to the origin of the degrees is conclusive of Comp. MACKEY'S statement regardless of WARVELLE'S inventive "Genesis."

Ill.·. Comp. DRUMMOND is of opposite opinions conflicting with each other, and in his changing from one side to the other and then back again, has led correspondents into error, who, from the want of true knowledge and personal bias and prejudice, have become somewhat acrimonious in their review of the question. DRUMMOND is no longer a safe guide to follow in his opinions; no matter how eminent he may be considered in Masonic lore; for he is so contradictory with himself that those who blindly follow him will be left in doubt, while chagrin accompanies their confusion and dismay in finding themselves in the mud.

The rituals of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees were the property of the Inspectors Generals who organized the *first* Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite, at Charleston, S. C., May 31, 1801, there can be no doubt, and who rejected them when they incorporated the eight additional degrees with the twenty-five degrees of the Rite of Perfection, which came originally from France *via* the French West India Islands, and they created

the A. and A. S. Rite as the successor to and only rightful possessor of the Rite of Perfection in the United States. The R. and S. degrees still being considered as side degrees and governed by that Supreme Council. It is highly probable that CERNEAU, when he invaded New York from the French West India Islands, with the Rite of Perfection, for which he had no authority, also carried with him the ritual of the degree of Royal Master, or that "JACOBS carried the degree in his budget," and conferred it upon LOUNDES, and out of it grew the voluntary organization of *Columbian* Council of Royal Masters in New York in 1810, to which, from some indirect source, the degree of Select Masters was added.

DRUMMOND *now* says: "But time and further examination have only confirmed us in the opinion expressed in 1870, that these degrees were originally 'side degrees' of the A. and A. S. Rite, and therefore, one possessor of them has as much right to confer them as any other possessor of them, subject only to the limitations of the ritual."

This is an interval of twenty-four years, during which time he has given out opposite opinions, in which a younger generation has grown up in error into which he has led them, and are now left in the fog to feel their way home as they best can.

We have the records of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, of Grand and subordinate Councils of Royal and Select Masters, to sustain us that they were saved from the flames of the late civil war, in addition to the oral statements made to us by MACKEY, PIKE, SNELL and others, and we stand with them on the solid rock of the truth of history, and not on the piles driven into the odoriferous swamp upon which the rickety structure of Chicago's "*Genesis*" rests.

Adopting the language of our late *Ill.·.* Comp. ALBERT PIKE, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Supreme Council, in his Address before that body, April 21, 1861, at New Orleans, in which he said:—

"While error is being so busily disseminated, and history so perseveringly falsified, it may be well to give the truth an opportunity to be heard.

"There being in the State of Arkansas five Councils of Royal and Select Masters, established by me at different times, some working under charters and some under dispensation granted by me, I invited them to form a Grand Council for that State; and accordingly delegates from four of them met in convention at Little Rock, on the 6th day of November last (1860), and adopted a Constitution for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas, and elected its officers, whom I installed in office, our *Ill.·.* Bro. LUKE E. BARBER, 33°, being the Grand Master, and our *Ill.·.* Bro. ELBERT H. ENGLISH, 33°, the Grand Recorder.

"By the constitution of that body, all Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, active members of the Supreme Council, in that State, are members of the Grand Council.

"The subordinate Councils being in arrears to this body, I thought I might safely assure the Grand Council that you would relinquish to it the dues and fees so owing, etc. It will also be proper, I suppose, that you should by formal resolution ratify my action in creating the Grand Council,

and declare it to have succeeded to all the powers of this body over the Royal and Select Masters' degrees in that State.

"I think it a bad policy for the authorities of a Rite to administer any side or auxiliary degrees; and we, at least, have enough in our regular scale to engage our attention and task our energies."

His action was approved and ratified.

At the adjourned Annual Session of the Southern Supreme Council, held at the city of Washington, on Thursday, March 28, 1860, one year before the late Civil War, *Ill.·.* Comp. ALBERT PIKE, 33°, as Sovereign Grand Commander, said, in relation to the archives of the Supreme Council:—

"With the assistance of our illustrious brother, the Secretary General (ALBERT G. MACKEY, 33°), I have made a thorough examination of the registers, letters and other documents in our archives, some of which I found to be worthless, and many of great value. I have taken steps to have all that *are* of any value bound, that they may be preserved. Among these are the registers of *Ill.·.* Bros. DE LA HOGUE, AVEILHE and HOLBROOK, and many letters from the *Ill.·.* Bro. J. J. J. GOURGAS, and our sister Council of the Northern Jurisdiction; and I recommend that this course be adopted with all that is worthy of preservation, and that all which is *not*, and especially the old and worthless cahiers of degrees, be committed to the flames."

The Civil War came, and the shells from GILMORE'S "Swamp Angel" of the Federal batteries upon Charleston, S. C., destroyed the archives, which went up in the flames; and back of that time no man can go for records there deposited.

In 1871, PIKE, in his defense of the A. and A. S. Rite against the attacks of the late GEORGE FRANK GOURLEY, 32° (who was tried, expelled, became repentant and was restored before his death), said:—

"The Cryptic degrees were side degrees of Scottish Masonry. We have already stated all that is known as to the origin of these degrees. We do not know by what authority they were introduced into *Missouri;* but that we know that in Mississippi, the bodies were established by the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem; in Arkansas by the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, by whose authority also the Grand Council of the State was created; and that nearly every Grand Council in the United States owes its being either to the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, or to JEREMY L. CROSS, who pretended to hold a commission from it. It is magnificently impudent to claim these as a part of the York Rite."

The statements of such men, the most eminent that have ever lived and known to the Masonic World, identified and known by their illustrious predecessors, who committed to their hands the sacred treasures received from their Masonic fathers, cannot be set aside, treated as deceptions and falsehoods by upstart inventors and modern manufacturers of so-called Masonic history, bolstered up with all the sophistry with which these latter have tried to invest it.

The Cryptic Rite is now free and independent and requires no maternal government, either real or fostering, and can stand alone without props

from below or hooks to hang on from above, and it is deserving of the most hearty and loyal support of every Companion who has passed the ninth arch to the Secret Vault without looking to it as the place to start the down and pin feathers, from which the plumes of the chivalry or "horse-masons" are to come.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN A. SHERMAN,
Chairman of Committee.

The Grand Master announced the election of Grand Officers as the next business in order, and having appointed Companions JACOB HART NEFF and JAMES BESTOR MERRITT to act as tellers, the election proceeded, with the following result:—

The *M.·. I.·.* CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT was elected Grand Master;

The *R.·. I.·.* WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS was elected Deputy Grand Master;

The *R.·. I.·.* HENRY ASCROFT was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Works;

The *R.·. I.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer;

The *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Council was then called off until one o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Monday, April 15, Anno. Dep. 2895.

The Grand Council was called on at one o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

Comp. CHARLES *E* STONE, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report, which was adopted:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances are pleased to report that no appeals or grievances of any kind have been submitted to them for consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES *E* STONE,
WM. HEWSON DAVIS,
WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS,
Committee.

Comp. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Grand Master, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your committee to whom was referred the very interesting Address of our Grand Master would respectfully report that notwithstanding the financial depression throughout the year, which has been manifested not only in business but in all branches of Masonry, the visits of our Grand Master to the different Councils reveal the fact that the members are still animated with a love and zeal for Cryptic Masonry which gives promise of renewed interest and activity in more prosperous times.

The Address of our Grand Master shows a faithful and conscientious discharge of the duties of his office and a commendable zeal and devotion to the prosperity of the craft. The official acts of the Grand Master are in accordance with law and for the best interests of the Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted.

E. R. HEDGES,
J. H. NEFF,
C. E STONE,
} *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, from the Committee on Finances and Returns, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Finances and Returns beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and find them correct.

The vouchers in the Grand Treasurer's office have been checked off, and we find the cash now in his hands to be the sum of $555.50.

From our previous experience with these Grand Officers, we should have been much disappointed not to have found everything in perfect order.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

Grand Recorder's salary	$125 00
Grand Sentinel's salary	7 50
Grand Organist's salary	7 50
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence	65 00
Contingent expenses Grand Recorder's office	40 00
Printing Proceedings	100 00
Expenses of Grand Master to visit Subordinate Councils	150 00
	$495 00

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES B. MERRITT,
THOS. KYLE,
WM. FRANK PIERCE,
} *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in, and the appropriations were ordered as recommended.

The Grand Master elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz.:—

The *R.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE.....as..*Grand Chaplain;*
" " " ROBERT ASH.....as..*Grand Capt. of the Guards;*
" " " AUGUST WACKERBARTH.....as..*Grand Conductor of Council;*
" " " GEORGE PENLINGTON.....as..*Grand Lecturer;*
" " " ALEXANDER JOHN GARDINER as..*Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER.....as..*Grand Organist;*
" " JAMES OGLESBY.....as..*Grand Sentinel.*

The Grand Officers were then installed in their respective stations by Past Grand Master GEORGE PENLINGTON, assisted by Past Grand Master WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, as Master of the Ceremonies.

Comp. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT proposed the following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Council, which on his motion was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, viz:—

To amend subdivision one of section one, Article VIII, by striking out the words "seventy-five," and insert instead thereof the words "*twenty-five.*" So that when amended, said subdivision one will read as follows:—

1st. For every dispensation to form a new Council, the sum of twenty-five dollars, of which ten dollars shall be the fee of the Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Jurisprudence having considered the amendment so proposed, reported orally and recommended its adoption.

The report was concurred in, and the amendment as proposed was adopted by the unanimous vote of Grand Council.

The Grand Master announced the following committee—

On Correspondence: Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,
" CORNELIUS HEDGES,
" CHARLES *E* STONE.

The business of the Grand Council being all completed, the minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Council of California was closed in *Ample Form.*

CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,
Grand Master.

Attest:
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Alexander John Gardiner, *Ill. M.*,
David Farr, *Deputy Ill. Master*,
Louis Cyrus Schindler, *P. Con. of W.*,
William Monroe Petrie *Treasurer*,
William Buckley Davis, *Recorder*,
Charles Richard Goss, *Capt. of G.*,
William Hewson Davis, *Conductor*,
Carl Emil Scheunert, *Steward*,
George Frederick Bronner, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Powell Samuel Lawson, *P. G. M.*,
William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*,
Cornelius Kellogg,
Joseph Davey,
Edwin Glover,
John Hurley,
William Hewson Davis,
Harry Ingham,
Richard Vaughan,
Richard Palmer Burr,
Clive William Porter.

SELECT MASTERS:

Abbott, Augustus
Alltucker, Henry
Andrews, John Nichols
Baldwin, William Hedges
Bergevin, Nelson Langevin
Birdsall, Frederick Wheeler
Bisbee, John Gould
Bittancourt, Thomas Maria
Block, Maurice
Boyd, John Walter
Brown, Byron Bradley
Breuner, John
Breuner, Louis Frederick
Burchard, James Philo
Burnett, Augustus
Burnham, James Henry
Bush, George Thomson
Butler, Stephen William
Carroll, Edgar Barclay
Carroll, Harry Winans

Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, Bernard Henry
Chapman, George Warren
Chrisman, Elmer Judson
Church, William Smithers
Clark, Jerome Franklin
Cohn, Edward Francis
Coker, Gould Carlton
Coleman, Edward
Coleman, Timothy
Conaway, George Winfield
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin
Coppersmith, Michael Thos.
Cothrin, William Kip
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cunningham, John Austin
Curtis, Henry Chittenden
Dale, Richard
Davis, James Gilliland
Decker, Horace Washington
Delano, Ira Lemuel
Dennery, Alphonse
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Dierssen, George Ernest August
Dixon, William Henry
Dresbach, William
Dresher, Valentine
Eilers, Theodore George
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Fay, Newton Murray
Ferguson, William Redmond
Flemming, Frank
Flye, Charles Eben
Forbes, Robert
Foster, James Stewart
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frahm, Claus
Frank, Samuel
Frates, Frank
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frommelt, Hugo
Frost, Amos Locke
Fulweiler, John Mathias
Gable, Harvey Clinton
Gagnon, Alfred
Gallatin, Albert
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew, Jr.
Gillis, Dougald
Graham, Louis Edgar
Gray, Alexander Isaac
Gray, Arthur Irvine
Gregory, Eugene Julius
Gregory, Frank
Gruhler, John
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Mosheim Schmucker
Harris, David
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, James Darrow
Hatch, Wilbur Mark
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heisen, Charles, Jr.
Heintzelman, Taylor Washington
Herzog, Philip
Hevener, William Henry
Hollister, Dwight
Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Howell, Sidney Algernon
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Huggins, Henri Tyler
Hull, Joseph
Hunt, John Alexander
Hyman, Daniel
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, William Franklin
Johnson, Hiram Warren

Johnston, William
Jones, William Rowland
Just, John Peter
Ketcham, Marvin Alonzo
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Lardner, William Bransen
Lawson, Walter Brokaw
Levison, Jacob
Lewis, Samuel Amanzo
Lightner, Bonus
Little, Christopher
Lyon, Edward
Lubeck, David Wlademer
Lufkins, Harry Tileston
Martin, Charles
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McArthur, John
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McGlashan, Charles Fayette
McKee, Edwin Hervey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
Meister, August
Menke, Anton
Miller, William Buchanan
Mills, James Edgar
Nathan, Samuel
Neff, Jacob Hart
Nelson, Clarence Newton
Nevis, Manuel Silva
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Ochsner, John
Olney, Cephas Charles
O'Neil, James
Ottman, Gilbert Almon
Pacheco, Romualdo
Peterson, William Frederick
Phillips, Louis
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Platt, Philemon Eli
Prouty, William Harrison
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Reid, Thomas Benton
Richards, John
Roberts, Robert William
Rohrer, Frederick William
Ross, Henry Ackson
Runyon, Solomon
Schonefelt, William Dorner
Schroth, John George
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Thomas
Stanley, Leander
Steffens, Joseph
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stephens, John Dickson
Stevens, Charles Henry
Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Sweany, John
Taverner, George
Todd, Thomas Milton
Tufts, Albert Currier
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Variel, Robert Henry Fauntleroy
Vermilya, Abram John
Webster, Joseph Richard
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Whitelaw, John
White, George Amos
Wilder, Joel Osgood
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Young, John Nelles—211.

WITHDRAWN:

Cluness, William Robert—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bugbey, Benjamin Norton
Calderwood, Job Francis
Carey, John Thomas
January, William Alexander—4.

DIED:

Putnam, George Alfred — Robinson, Robert—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report....214		Withdrawn	1
Greeted.....	3	Suspended for N. P. D	4
Affiliated	1—218.	Died	2
		Now borne upon the roll ...211—	218.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Robert Ash, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Benj. Franklin Jellison, *D. Ill. M.*,
Joseph Gardner Baston, *P. C. of W.*,
Charles Lord Field, *Treasurer*,
Franklin Henry Day, *Recorder*,
Warren Dean Woodbury, *C. of G'd*,
George Leonard Murdock, *Conductor*,
Cyrus Moody Plummer, *Steward*,
Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,
James Oglesby, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Thomas Kyle, *P. G. M.*,
William Thomas Reynolds, *P.G.M.*,
Franklin Henry Day, *P. G. M.*,
Charles Lord Field, *P. G. M.*,
Isaac Stanwood Locke,
George Penlington,
Edward Potter Cressey,
Henry Ascroft,
Robert Ash.

SELECT MASTERS:

Adams, Adolph
Allen, Richard Spicer
Ames, Frank Holmes
Andrews, Abraham
Anthony, Edward Taylor
Armer, Andrew Milton
Armstrong, George Robert
Armstrong, Rudolph
Atkinson, Thomas Thompson
Badger, William Gilman
Baker, Charles Henry
Baldwin, Alfred Walton
Bangs, Edward
Barclay, Robert Henry
Barclay, Peter Thomas
Bassett, Charles Follen
Baum, David Andrew
Benedict, Courtland Smith
Bingham, William Alexander
Birch, William Henry
Black, Howard
Bliss, Charles
Blossom, Henry Eckford
Bone, Charles
Bonney, Charles Sumner
Boop, John Daniel
Bragg, Robert
Breon, Paul
Brinckerhoff, Herman
Broder, Robert Chidley
Bromley, George Tisdale
Browell, Jeremiah
Brown, Henry Adams
Brown, William Anderson
Brown, William Graham
Bruce, James Henderson

Bruce, William Young
Bunker, Robert Elmer
Burns, Henry Bernhard
Burt, James Gardner
Calier, James *M*
Callinan, William
Campbell, Frederick
Campbell, Lucien Daniel
Campbell, Vernon
Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Carr, John George
Chapin, Dinsmore Davis
Charles, Abner Elias
Chesley, Charles Palmer
Christesen, Martin August C.
Christian, Ceasar
Christiansen, Jacob
Christie, James Alexander
Clark, George Dickson
Clark, John Franklin
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Code, Philip *D*
Cohen, Philip
Cole, Richard Beverly
Coleman, Carlton Chinn
Coleman, William Warren
Cressy, Albert
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Charles Frederic
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Crowley, Timothy Jay
Culver, James Henry
Curry, John
Curtis, John Morrison
Daggett, John Randolph
Dall, Peter Peterson
Daniel, William Lyon
Davis, Henry Harvey
Davis, Jacob Zeigler
Davis, Winfield Scott
Dean, Peter
Decker, Charles William
Dennis, Samuel William
Dickinson, John Henry
Dietterle, George
Doane, John Osborne
Doane, Micah
Dodd, Willis Gorman
Dominguez, Richard Arthur
Dorn, Marcellus Americus
Doud, Aaron
Dougherty, Charles Medley
Douglas, George Willard
Dragomanovich, Spiro *S G*
Driffield, Vero Carus
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty
Dunn, James
Dunne, James Patrick
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edelman, Charles
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edmondson, John George
Edwards, Henry
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Edwards, William Harvey
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Eklund, John Peter
Elias, Edward
Elliot, Charles Emery
Evans, Joseph John
Everett, Daniel Henry
Ewen, Oliver
Ewing, James Stanley
Fargo, Jerome Bonaparte
Farrell, Edward
Field, Alfred Bishop
Filkins, Charles Wesley
Firth, Joseph Kirk
Fisher, Henry
Fiske, Henry Mortimer
Flint, Brilsford Pease
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Folger, George Edwin
Foster, Arthur William
Fox, John *G*

Frenzel, Godman August
Frolich, Theodore
Gagnon, Michael
Gallagher, John Patrick
Gamble, Samuel
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Getz, Marcus
Giles, Frederick *N*
Godley, Montgomery
Goodban, Francis Edward
Graham, William Findley
Grauerholz, Henry John
Graves, Hiram Augustus
Graves, Hiram Throop
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Griffin, John Wesley
Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn
Haas, David Leopold
Hale, Reuben Brooks
Hall, Robert
Hallett, Alonzo
Halsted, James LaFayette
Hammond, Andrew Benoni
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hansen, Carl Christian A.
Hare, Elias *C*
Hatch, Augustus Timothy
Hatch, James Henry
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hellwig, Christian
Highton, Henry Edward
Hildebrandt, Carsten
Hobbs, John Kemble Carlton
Hoffman, Harry Nathaniel
Holden, Samuel Emery
Hopkins, Timothy
Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Huested, Orson Justus
Hurlbut, Reuben Preston
Iredale, Charles Winslow
Jeffers, Milo Sydney
Jennings, Charles Brooks
Jewett, George Albert
Johnson, Albert de Montfredy
Johnson, George
Johnson, Mathias
Jones, Edward Campbell
Jones, William Arthur
Jones, William Roderick
Jost, Charles
Jost, Charles, Jr.
Jost, Joseph
Jost, William Reinhard
Kent, Thaddeus Benning
Kenyon, Curtis George
Kern, Morris James
Kerr, David
Kimball, Moses Coombe
Kimball, Roy Thurston
Kincaid, John Evans
King, Joseph Libbey
Kinne, Charles Mason
Knapp, Henry Hay
Knight, Edmund Ewell
Koenig, Frank
Kohler, Henry
Kohn, Isaack
Kramer, Louis George
Krieg, Anton
Lacey, Albert Ernest
Landgrebe, Robert George
Lane, William Edmund
Lawson, Andrew
Lazelle, Henry Daniel
Levy, Isidore Nathan
Levy, Jacob
Levy, Joseph
Lewis, William
Lind, Charles
Lloyd, Reuben Hedley
Loane, Francis Marion
Logan, Milburne Hill
Logan, Thomas Emerson
Lo Presti, Anthony
Lowell, Albert Carroll

Lucas, John William
Lucas, Walter Edward
Lux, Frank Antoin
Lyman, William Whittingham
Lyon, William Henry
Magnin, Simson
Manheim, Henry Simon
Martinez, Francis Nich. Raoul
McCarty, James
McCreary, Daniel
McCullough, Henry Van Schaick
McFarland, Abel
McKay, Thomas
McLea, Arthur
McMillan, Robert
McNab, James
Mecklenberg, Joseph
Meigs, Anson Woodman
Meigs, John *J*
Mentz, John Henry
Meston, Robert
Meyer, Julius
Mills, Edward Tyrrel Bisset
Montealegre, Carlos Francisco
Moore, Andrew
Moore, Arthur Weld
Moraghan, Michael Bolan
Morffew, Thomas
Morgan, Charles Augustus
Morgan, David, Jr.
Morrow, William *W*
Morshead, John White
Myrson, Simon
Nagle, Richard Hamilton
Nash, Charles
Neal, George Folger
Neuhaus, Christian Henry Fred.
Newbauer, Herman Wolf
Newhall, Edwin White
Newhall, Harry Gregory
Nixon, James Henry
Noonen, John
Norcross, Daniel
Noteware, Edward Washington
O'Connor, Edward Arthur
O'Connor, Joseph
Osborn, Lamartine
Otersen, Herman
Parker, Edward Fletcher
Patton, Charles Lewis
Payne, Warren Ritch
Peck, Philip
Perley, Albion Starbird
Peyre, Jean Joseph
Phillips, William Rippard
Plouf, John Ele
Polastri, Richard Stephen
Popham, James William
Price, Arthur Faraday
Price, Thomas
Price, William Edmund
Prince, Henry Gilman
Redmond, Michael Francis
Reis, John O'Neal
Reynolds, Frank Bailey
Ridgway, Frazier
Riley, John Francis
Robertson, William Alexander
Rosenstock, Samuel Wolf
Ross, Donald
Ryan, Michael
Sabin, John Ira
Sanborn, Albion Irving
Schetzel, Adolph Georg
Schmidt, Valentine
Schreiber, Martin August William
Scott, Ebenezer
Seibel, Philipp
Sexton, Warren
Seymour, Simon Harry
Shattuck, Charles Curtis
Sheldon, George Edwin
Sibley, Levi Butler
Simpson, James
Slack, Charles William
Smith, Harry Burt, Jr.
Smith, James Jerome
Smith, William Frederick
Smith, William Jacob
Soule, Arthur Calvin

Soule, William Lloyd Garrison
Spaulding, James Garfield
Spear, Gustavus Langford
Spear, Lewis Eugene
Speier, Bernard
Starbird, Albion Wilson
Stark, William Alexander
Stern, Louis
Stockfleth, John
Stoddart, Augustus Wynne
Sumner, Frank William
Swain, Edward Robinson
Swannack, Daniel
Tait, William Cave
Taylor, George McClellan
Taylor, John Brinkworth
Thompson, George
Thompson, George Howard
Thornton, Samuel Kennedy
Trainor, Louis Howard
Triest, Bernard
Troppmann, Charles Martin
Tuohy, John
Turner, James Frederick
Vanderhurst, William
Veen, Frank Joseph
Von Staden, George
Von Wefelsburg, Alexander Barack
Walker, James Greig
Walker, Robert Andrew
Warburton, Samuel
Ward, William
Warwick, James Blain
Welch, Willard Choate, Jr.
Weller, Henry Olp
Wheaton, Milton Alverd
Whitcomb, Frank Randolph
White, Jonathan Lloyd
Wiley, George Adrian
Williams, Daniel *A*
Williamson, Henry
Willman, Alexander
Wilson, Charles Harold
Wilson, John McFarland
Wing, Stephen
Woodlock, John
Young, Shirley Trever
Young, William
Younger, William John—371.

RESTORED:

Godley, Montgomery—1.

WITHDRAWN:

Anderson, James Wright
Baldwin, Sherman Charles
Browne, Thomas Henry
Coburn, Clarence Wooster
Evans, Chester Hepburn
Goldwater, Morris
Greenhood, Hugo Oscar
Gullixson, Henry Ferdinand
Hammond, John
Jenks, George Washington
King, Charles James
Knorp, Albert Frederick
Litchfield, Joseph Miller
Mack, John George
McClure, Stewart
Mouser, Silas Mercer
Muller, John
Nevers, Lewis *J*
Peckham, William Henry
Swift, Samuel
Wells, Asa Reynolds
White, Thomas Benton—22.

EXCLUDED:

Burtis, Robert Wallace
Graves, Charles Henry
Hopkins, Peter
Little, George Edward
Waterhouse, Frederick Adelbert
Whittier, James Eugene—6.

DIED:

Browne, John Mills
Gritman, Charles Ray
McGann, Patrick Henry—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	396	Withdrawn	22
Greeted	5	Excluded	6
Restored	1—402.	Died	3
		Now borne upon the roll	371—402.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles *E* Stone, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Charles Hapgood, *D. Ill. Master*,
Frank *B* Miller, *P. C. of Works*,
Alexander Cameron Irwin, *Treasurer*,
Francis Wm. Howard Aaron, *Rec'rdr*,
William Andrew Lowery, *C. of G.*,
John George McLellan, *Conductor*,
Thomas Hugh Kernan, *Steward*.
Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Caldwell Belcher,
Henry Holcombe Rhees,
Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Andrew Jackson Binney,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Lemuel Trescott Crane.

SELECT MASTERS:

Asher, Alexander Branch
Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Baxter, John
Belknap, F. G.
Berry, James McConnell
Blackburn, George *W*
Brown, Josiah Perkins
Burchard, John Luther
Burner, Henry
Carpenter, George Washington
Clements, William Andrew
Cohn, Isaac Giballe
Crew, Alexander Hill
Deaner, Samuel Christian
Dobbins, Thomas
Duncan, John Lewis
Eastman, James Fred
Ellis, William Turner
Elwell, William
Engle, Peter
Ewell, Samuel
Fagan, Edward
Falk, Herman
Faulkner, Charles
Fimbreath, Arthur Francis
Fisher, Charles Lester
Goad, William Frank
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Haynes, James
Hochstadter, Simon
Hunter, William
Hutchins, Gavin Walker
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Knight, David Edgar

Krause, Frederick Low
Lee, Ortis Frederick
Leining, John Henry
Lewek, Solomon
Logan, Anderson Dabney
Marcuse, Marcus
McFarlane, James Clark
Menz, Albert Julius
Miller, Arthur Gardner
Molineux, Henry
Morgan, Emanuel Briggs
Mould, William
Nelson, William Harvey
Patterson, George
Peacock, James Richard
Peacock, William Flint
Peck, William Francis
Peters, Joseph
Reece, Thomas White
Rideout, Norman Dunning
Roberts, John Henry
Rogers, Samuel Josiah Smith
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Saye, George Marion
Schuler, Conrad
Seely, John Ambrose
Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Slingsby, William
Spencer, Stephen
Stafford, William Henry
Stone, Lewis Charles
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Vanderwarker, Abner *K*
Webb, Charles Augustus
White, Amasa Willey
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Woodworth, Homer Allen—89.

EXCLUDED:

Phillips, Joseph—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....90 Excluded. 1
Now borne upon the roll ....89—90.

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Frank Wilson Street, *Th. Ill. Master*, Charles Edward Street, *Recorder*,
Edwin Aldrich Rogers, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*, James Edgar Requa, *Capt. of Guards*,
Eduard Keil, *Prin. Con. of Works.*, Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
Charles Edward Lang, *Treasurer*, Charles Henry Burden, *Steward*,
Abraham Barlow, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edward Lang, James Bell,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers. Frank Wilson Street.

SELECT MASTERS:

Brown, Gurdon
Calhoun, Henry Clay
Hampton, Joseph Moore
Johnson, Andrew Porter
Long, Wilbur
Long, William Giles
Matthews, James
Means, Andrew Jackson

Mitchell, Frederick Francis
Mundorf, John
Parsons, Edmond
Patterson, Archibald
Sharwood, William
Wells, Thomas Washington
Yancey, Tryon Milton—25.

DIED:

Rudorff, William Gustav—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....25
Greeted ..... 1—26.
Died 1
Now borne upon the roll....25—26.

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Morris Mehon, *Th. Ill. Master*, Daniel Potter Bystle, *Recorder*,
Albert Frederick Ross, *Deputy Ill. M.*, John Sale Strode, *C. of the Guard*,
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*, Sylvester Hull, *Conductor*,
William Alexander Boswell, *Treas'r*, Wilhelm Kellner, *Steward*,
Gunther Frederick Chas. Schroter, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle,
Adolph Dobrowsky,
Albert Frederick Ross,
Morris Mehon.

SELECT MASTERS:

Andrew, William
Andrews, Alexander Robertson
Beard, John Samuel
Bell, Joseph Evans
Blossom, Robert Hurd
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus
Cahoone, William Brower
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Lowden, William Spencer
McCoy, Leo Lewis
Miller, Thomas Love
Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Nichols, James Levin
Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Paulsen, Jacob
Reynolds, John Edward
Ross, Herman Frederick
Rowles, James
Satterlee, Frank Peck
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Scott, John Varner
Scranton, Jewett
Smith, Champion *W*
Souter, John
Sweeny, Edward
Taylor, Clay Webster
Weil, David
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses—40.

EXCLUDED:

Greene, Thomas
Syme, John—2.

DIED:

Esseck, Belty—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	40	Excluded.....	2
Greeted.....	3—43.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll	40—43.

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9.

Helena, Montana.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Booker, *Recorder*,
William McClatchey, *D. Ill. Master*, Francis Doremus Jones, *Capt. of G.*,
Joseph J. Hindson, *P. C. of W.*, Henry H. Guthrie, *Conductor*,
Edward D. Neill, Jr., *Treasurer*, August Weisenhorn, *Steward*,
John Crittenden Major, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornelius Hedges,
Walter E. Frederick,
John Crittenden Major,
James W. Hathaway,
Harry R. Comly,
William McClatchey,
Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Baker, Isaac W.
Cater, Charles *S*
Cook, Andrew B.
Cowden, Henry
Cummings, Pat. W.
Davis, Lewellyn Daniel
Demain, Lewis Cyrus
Evans, Henry D.
Featherman, James Benjamin
Featherman, John A.
Fisk, Andrew J.
Fox, Jonathan N.
Garrett, Clarence B.
Greenhood, Isaac
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Hunter, Duncan Thomas
Jones, Louis L.
Jury, William
Kennon, Richard T.
Kirkendall, Hugh
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.
Knight, Edward W.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McCann, William Henry
McCaw, William *W P*
Murphy, John
Nolan, Cornelius B.
Reed, Henry S.
Reese, Hugh
Reinig, Michael
Robinson, Jeremiah
Schwab, Samuel
Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Shaw, William Steel
Smith, William Dulin
Spalding, William Scott

Stebbins, Charles Henderson
Switzer, Jacob
Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Walker, Jacob Longacre
White, Charles Eugene
Whitworth, Alfred
Wood, George R.—60.

WITHDRAWN:

McKnight, Albert Gallatin
Minshall, Samuel W.
Scheuer, Frederick V
Thompson, John Wilson—4.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Atchison, Jehu Baker
Boardman, William Theodore
Easterly, Allen M.
Folk, Benjamin Woodhull Strong —4.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....64
Greeted ..... 4—68.
Withdrawn..... 4
Suspended for N. P. D 4
Now borne upon the roll.....60—68.

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Richards Hedges, *T. Ill. M.*, Geo. Alexander McKenzie, *Recorder*,
John Yardley, *D. Ill. Master*, Henry Ephriam Robbins, *C. of Guard*,
John Garwood, *Prin. Con. Works*, William Henry Stone, *Conductor*,
Columbus Hurd, *Treasurer*, Angus McKinnon, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Howe, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies,
Edward Richards Hedges,
Alexander Chalmers.

SELECT MASTERS:

Bachmann, Carl August
Baggs, Harry Nichols
Barber, Joseph Martin
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Beede, William Morris Stewart
Bergman, Francis Gustav Alex. H.
Brown, Philip Thomas
Buchanan, Charles Joseph
Buell, Park Arbington
Caine, John
Castle, Christopher Champlin
Castle, Durrell Oliver
Catts, George Elbert
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Cross, Samuel Nelson
Cunningham, Thomas
Dalby, Samuel Price
Ditz, George, Jr.
Dorsey, Caleb
Elliott, Lyman Weston
Fortune, James Pulaski
Fraser, Philip Barry
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre

Graham, William
Harrison, Norval
Harrison, William Bruce
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Henderson, Orrin Staples
Hickox, Flavil Gaylord
Jory, John
Kerr, Benjamin Eadie
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Lane, Frank Ellis
Lehe, Eugene
Leitch, Archibald
Lothrop, Isaac
McCreary, Edward Davis
McGuffick, William
McKenzie, John Alexander
McPherson, Joseph Kennon
Milco, Nicola
Noble, Arthur Morgan
O'Brien, John Henry
Peters, Joseph Daphine
Prugh, Winfield Webster
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Isaac Henry
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Russell, Richard William
Shaw, Henry Coffin
Shurtleff, George Augustus
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Swain, Cornelius
Swain, Joseph Henry
Tindall, Pleasant Hay
Wallace, Hamilton—72.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Belyea, Jesse Edward
Bennett, Paul Witherly
Bulson, Herman Rice
Cotterell, William
Haslacher, Jacob
Kahn, Louis
Kendrick, Levi Jackson
Moore, Stephen Baldy
Robinson, Andrew Joseph
Waterman, Solomon
Woods, John Newton—11.

DIED:

Rowland, John Morgan—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....82	Suspended for N. P. D 11
Greeted..... 2—84.	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....72—84.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

August Wackerbarth, *Th.Ill. Master*, Joseph Fiscus, *Recorder*
William Byron Scarborough, *D.Ill.M.* Levi Henry Whitson, *Capt. of G.*,
Jasper Newton Preston, *P. C. of W.*, John Alexander Cotter, *Conductor*,
Cornelius Vanoy Baldwin, *Treasurer*, Clifford Irwin Hinman, *Steward*,
Milton Cephas Fordham, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme,
Granville, Quincy Stuart,
Robert Gilmore Cunningham,
Norton Filmore Story,
August Wackerbarth,
Julius Brousseau.

SELECT MASTERS:

Bicknell, John Dustin
Bowles, Ralph Amaso
Branch, John Franklin
Brodtbeck, Otto
Brooks, Daniel William
Brown, John Alexander
Bullis, Omri
Burr, William Orange
Bush, Charles Wilson
Campbell, John Mis
Christopher, John Francis
Clemens, Andrew
Conradi, Simon
Craigue, Solon William
Crawford, James Seth
Cummings, William George
Dornfield, Ferdinand Emil
Drought, Robert
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry
Folsom, Niles Rathbone
Freeman, Edwin Herbert
Grubb, Oscar Edwin
Habel, George Henry
Haskell, John Condit
Henderson, William Hutchinson
Hewitt, Eldridge Edward
Hinds, George
Illich, Gerolomo
Jacobs, Lewis
Jeffries, William Thomas
Jewett, Stanley Punchardon
Knickerbocker, Niles
Lambie, William Thomas
Levy, Michael
McManis, John Rodman
McQuin, John Francis
Meyer, Samuel
Miles, David Edwin
Moore, James Lamar
Morgan, William Adams
Owens, Madison Townsand
Perry, John Sargent
Polaski, Lewis
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Santee, Milton
Smith, Henry Augustus
Strohm, Thomas
Sutherland, David Munroe
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Vignolo, Ambrogio
Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Williams, Romayne
Wilson, Thomas Jonathan—71.

RESTORED:

Stewart, Granville Quincy—1

WITHDRAWN:

McIlmoil, John—1.

DIED:

Reiser, Theodore
Reynolds, John Jefferson—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	59	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	10	Died	2
Affiliated	4	Now borne upon the roll	71—74.
Restored	1—74.		

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Amasa Wright Bishop, *Th. Ill. M.*, John Wm. McClymonds, *Recorder*,
August Lewis Ott, *D. Ill. Master*, Albert Humphrey Merritt, *C. of Guard*,
Edward Harrison Morgan, *P. C. W.*, Chas. Franklin Burnham, *Conductor*,
William Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*, Damien Edmont Fortin, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett,
James Bestor Merritt,
William Frank Pierce,
Edward Harrison Morgan,
Webb Nicholson Pearce,
Edwin Allen Sherman,
Eugene Cormeny,
William Clay Smith,
Robert Edgar.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ames, George Spencer
Beckwith, John *A*
Bice, John
Blood, William Frank
Bradley, John Tilford
Breed, Arthur Hastings
Brown, Lewis Henry
Burrell, Alfred William
Cary, Amzi *B*
Clark, Alvah Kittredge
Clift, Frederick Charles
Craig, William Henry
Crooks, John Chisholm
Dalton, Henry Philip
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Douglass, Charles Henry
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Du Bois, Sumner Victor
Ely, Ralph Asahel
Evers, John Henry
Fletter, Freborn *J*
French, Robert Elsworth
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor
Goodman, George
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gregory, Calvin Levi
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hahn, Henry Casper
Hale, William Elmer
Hamilton, William Thomas
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Hewes, Charles Leslie
Hewes, Charles Wesley
Johnson, Ellis Crowell
Jones, Herbert Ellis
Kales, Martin William
Kendall, Alpheus
Koser, Newton Alexander

Lamoureaux, Philias Henry
Lees, David Todd, Jr.
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Mauzy, Byron
Meek, Horry Wert
Meek, William Elsworth
Metcalf, George Dickson
Michaels, Henry
Morris, Moses
Nordhausen, Ernest Albert
Nutting, Charles Wilber
O'Donnell, Francis Henry E.
Owens, Wm. Henry Searls
Parsons, Thomas *J*
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Perkins, Alfred Thomas
Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil
Randall, Charles Wells
Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Samson, Martin Meyer
Sears, Herman *B*
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Spreckels, Richard
Stone, Andrew *L*
Stone, Louis *S*
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Taylor, Albert Mills
Twombly, Charles Henry
Wall, Joseph George
Walsh, Edward Marion
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Williams, John
Winchester, Ebenezer
Woodin, Eugene
Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablonsky, John—96.

WITHDRAWN:

Meade, Calvert—1.

DIED:

Beeby, Robert John
Henley, James Brainard
Hersey, Edgar Amos
Plunkett, James California
Woodruff, George Joshua—5.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	97	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	5—102.	Died	5
		Now borne upon the roll	96—102.

LIST OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1895.

	Names of Councils.	No. Council.	Place of Location.		Date when Charter was Ordered.	Granted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspend'd for non. pay. Dues	Suspend'd for Unmas. Cond.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
			Town.	County.												
1	Sacramento...	1	Sacramento,..	Sacramento,..	June 27, 1860.	3	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	211	$108 50
2	California....	2	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	" " "	5	...	1	22	6	...	...	...	3	371	190 50
3	Marysville...	3	Marysville,....	Yuba.....	" " "	....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	....	89	44 50
*	Sierra Nevada	4	Placerville,....	El Dorado,...	" " "	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....	.....
4	Sonora.....	5	Sonora,.....	Tuolumne,....	May 8, 1861.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	25	13 50
5	Shasta	6	Shasta,.....	Shasta,.....	May 7, 1862.	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	40	23 00
*	Virginia	7	Virginia City,	Nevada State,.	Oct. 18, 1865.	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....	.....
*	Yreka.....	8	Yreka,.....	Siskiyou, ...	Oct. 22, 1868.	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	.....	.....
6	Helena.....	9	Helena, ...	Montana State	" " "	4	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	....	60	34 00
7	Stockton.....	10	Stockton, ...	San Joaquin,.	April 7, 1870.	2	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	1	72	38 00
8	Los Angeles..	11	Los Angeles,..	Los Angeles,..	April 13, 1871.	10	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	71	45 50
9	Oakland	12	Oakland,.....	Alameda,.	April 12, 1883.	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	96	53 00
	Totals...					33	5	2	29	9	16			15	1035	$550 50

*Charter surrendered.

GRAND COUNCILS

IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,

With Addresses of Grand Recorders.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
ALABAMA,	H. CLAY ARMSTRONG,	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS,	JAMES A. HENRY,	Little Rock.
CANADA,	SIDNEY J. SANFORD,	Barrie.
CONNECTICUT,	JOSEPH K. WHEELER,	Hartford.
ENGLAND AND WALES,	C. F. MATIER,	8A Red Lion Square, London, W. C.
FLORIDA,	JOHN CARLOVITZ,	Milton.
GEORGIA,	ANDREW M. WOLIHIN,	Albany.
ILLINOIS,	GIL. W. BARNARD,	Chicago.
INDIANA,	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE,	Indianapolis.
KANSAS,	D. BYINGTON,	Leavenworth.
KENTUCKY,	L. D. CRONINGER,	Covington.
LOUISIANA,	RICHARD LAMBERT,	New Orleans.
MAINE,	STEPHEN BERRY,	Portland.
MARYLAND,	GEORGE L. MCCAHAN,	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,	SERANUS BOWEN,	Boston.
MICHIGAN,	GARRA B. NOBLE,	Detroit.
MINNESOTA,	THOMAS MONTGOMERY,	St. Paul.
MISSISSIPPI,	J.L. POWER,	Jackson.
MISSOURI,	WILLIAM H. MAYO,	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA,	WM. R. BOWEN,	Omaha.
NEW BRUNSWICK,	ROBERT MARSHALL,	St. John.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	GEORGE P. CLEAVES,	Concord.
NEW JERSEY,	CHARLES BECHTEL,	Trenton.
NEW YORK,	GEORGE VAN VLIET,	Cor. West & Bethune Sts., New York City.
NORTH CAROLINA,	DONALD W. BAIN,	Raleigh.
OHIO,	WILLIAM E. EVANS,	Chillicothe.
OREGON,	SETH L. POPE,	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA,	JOSHUA L. LYTE,	Lancaster.
RHODE ISLAND,	WILLIAM R. GREENE,	Providence.
SCOTLAND,	ROBERT S. BROWN,	5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.
SOUTH CAROLINA,	ZIMMERMAN DAVIS,	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,	WM. A. CLENDENING,	Nashville.
VERMONT,	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,	Burlington.
WISCONSIN,	JOHN W. LAFLIN,	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. COUNCIL U. S.,	HENRY W. MORDHURST,	Fort Wayne, Ind.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	William Frank Pierce	Oakland.
Canada	George Alexander McKenzie	Stockton.
Connecticut	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
Georgia	Robert Ash	San Francisco.
Illinois	Stephen Wing	San Francisco.
Indiana	*——— ———	———.
Kansas	Henry Ascroft	San Francisco.
Kentucky	Thomas Kyle	San Francisco.
Louisiana	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco.
Maine	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Maryland	Daniel Potter Bystle	Shasta.
Massachusetts	Franklin Henry Day	San Francisco.
Michigan	William Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Minnesota	*——— ———	———.
Missouri	George Penlington	San Francisco.
Nebraska	William Caldwell Belcher	San Francisco.
New Hampshire	Edward Richards Hedges	Stockton.
New Jersey	John William Rock	Sacramento.
New York	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco.
Ohio	Edwin Allen Sherman	Oakland.
Oregon	Alfred Walton Baldwin	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	*——— ———	———.
Rhode Island	Charles Edwin Gillett	Oakland.
South Carolina	James Bestor Merritt	Oakland.
Tennessee	Henry Sayre Orme	Los Angeles.
Vermont	William Abraham Davies	San Francisco.

* Deceased.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	Marcus L. Bell	Pine Bluff.
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Georgia	Christopher F. Lewis	Augusta.
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Kansas	Robert E. Torrington	Wichita.
Kentucky	James Dysert Lewis	Bowling Green
Louisiana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Eugene H. Richards	Boston.
Michigan	*——— ———	———.
Minnesota	W. A. Spaulding	Minneapolis.
Missouri	Thomas Seal	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Edwin A. Allen	North Loup.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	*——— ———	———.
Ohio	Edwin Morrell	Toledo.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	George Laing	Pittsburgh.
Rhode Island	Robert S. Franklin	Newport.
South Carolina	John R. Allen	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.

* Deceased.

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council June 26, A. Dep. 2860.

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN ASHBY TUTT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ...*Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1868.

*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
STEPHEN WING,..... ....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Master;*
STEPHEN WING,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*LEONARD GOSS, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ...*Grand Illustrious Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ...*Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,. .....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, ...*Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, ...*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,... .....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH, MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1891.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1892.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1893.

*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Master;*
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1894.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1895.

CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER:

CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,

OAKLAND.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDER:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,

SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTICE.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the twentieth day of April, A. D. 1896, Anno Dep. 2896, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THOS. H. CASWELL,

Grand Recorder.

R. & S. M.

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.:.I.:.Grand Council

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

State of California

FOR THE YEAR 1896.

TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

M.·. I.·. GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

AT ITS

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY,

HELD AT THE

MASONIC TEMPLE, IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

ON

MONDAY, APRIL 20, A. D. 1896, A. DEP. 2896.

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GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE

Year Commencing April, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896.

M.·. I.·. WM. HEWSON DAVIS, . . GRAND MASTER, ... *Sacramento;*

R.·. I.·. HENRY ASCROFT, ... DEPUTY GRAND MASTER. *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. ROBERT ASH, ... { GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORKS, } *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. FRANKLIN H. DAY, ... GRAND TREASURER, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. THOS. H. CASWELL, . . . GRAND RECORDER, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. THOS. KYLE, ... GRAND CHAPLAIN, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. AUG. WACKERBARTH, { GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS. } *Los Angeles;*

R.·. I.·. ALEX. J. GARDINER, { GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL. } *Sacramento;*

R.·. I.·. GEO. PENLINGTON, . . GRAND LECTURER, ... *San Francisco;*

R.·. I.·. RICHARD VAUGHN, . . . GRAND STEWARD, ... *Sacramento:*

Ill.·. SAMUEL D. MAYER, . . . GRAND ORGANIST, ... *San Francisco;*

Ill.·. JAMES OGLESBY, ... GRAND SENTINEL, ... *San Francisco.*

GRAND COUNCIL
OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California commenced its thirty-sixth Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Monday, the twentieth day of April, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896, at ten o'clock A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. Ill.·.* CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, . . *Grand Master;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, . . *Deputy Grand Master;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* HENRY ASCROFT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, . . . *Grand Treasurer;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, *Grand Recorder;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* THOMAS KYLE, ... *Grand Chaplain;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* ROBERT ASH, ... *Grand Captain of the Guards;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* AUG. WACKERBARTH, ... *Grand Conductor of the Council;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON, ... *Grand Lecturer;*
" *R.·. Ill.·.* ALEX. JOHN GARDINER, ... *Grand Steward;*
" *Ill.·.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, ... *Grand Organist;*
" *Ill.·.* JAMES OGLESBY, ... *Grand Sentinel;*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ... *Past Grand Master,*
" *M.·. I.·.* STEPHEN WING, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* THOMAS KYLE, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... " " "
" *M.·. I.·.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... " " "
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" *M.·. I.·.* GEORGE PENLINGTON, ... " " "

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS:

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....Arkansas;
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....Connecticut and Rhode Island;
ROBERT ASH,.....Georgia;
STEPHEN WING,.....Illinois;
HENRY ASCROFT,.....Kansas;
THOMAS KYLE,.....Kentucky;
THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....Louisiana;
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,.....Massachusetts;
CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....Maine and New York;
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....Michigan;
GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....Missouri;
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....New Hampshire;
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT.....South Carolina;
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....Vermont.

And the Representatives of seven chartered Councils, with several Past Thrice Illustrious Masters by service under this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being a sufficient representation present, the Grand Council of California was opened in Ample Form, with music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following committee—

On Credentials:..... { Comp. William Frank Pierce, " August Wackerbarth, " Alex. John Gardiner.

After a short recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of chartered Councils, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, as being present and entitled to seats, viz.:—

Sacramento,.No. 1,.. { DAVID FARR, Thrice Ill. Master; WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, EDWIN GLOVER, WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, RICHARD VAUGHN, CLIVE WILLIAM PORTER, ALEX. JOHN GARDINER, } P.Th. Ill. Mas'rs.

California,	No. 2,	ROBERT ASH, Th. Ill. Master & P. Thrice Ill. M.; JOSEPH GARDNER BASTON, Prin. Con. of Works; THOMAS KYLE, WILLIAM THOS. REYNOLDS, FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, CHARLES LORD FIELD, GEORGE PENLINGTON, HENRY ASCROFT,	P. Th. Ill. Mas'rs.
Marysville,	No. 3,	CHARLES HAPGOOD, Thrice Ill. Master.	
Sonora,	No. 5,	EDUARD KEIL, Prin. Con. of the Works.	
Shasta,	No. 6,	JEWETT SCRANTON, proxy for Th. Ill. Master, Dep. Ill. M. and Prin. Con. of Works.	
Stockton,	No. 10,	EDW. RICHARDS HEDGES, Th. Ill. M. & P. Th. Ill. M. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, P. Th. Ill. Master.	
Los Angeles,	No. 11,	AUGUST WACKERBARTH,	Th. Ill. Master & P. Th. Ill. Master.
Oakland,	No. 12,	CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT, JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN,	P. Th. Ill. Masters.
Gateway,	U. D.,	JACOB HART NEFF, Thrice Ill. Master.	

Which report was concurred in, and the Companions named were admitted to seats.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following regular committees:—

On Jurisprudence:

Comp. William Abraham Davies,
" Edward Richards Hedges,
" William Thomas Reynolds.

On Appeals and Grievances:

Comp. William Hewson Davis,
" Charles Hapgood,
" Henry Ascroft.

On Finances and Returns:

Comp. James Bestor Merritt.
" Thomas Kyle,
" Robert Ash.

The Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:—

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:—

The thirty-fifth year of the existence of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of California closes to-day, and as the last year has been one of peace and

prosperity to the craft, it behooves us to reverently acknowledge our gratitude to the Grand Architect of the Universe for the manifold blessings of which we have been the recipients.

Early in our Masonic pilgrimage we were taught to put our trust in GOD, and then assured that our faith was well founded and encouraged to press forward fearing no evil. Let us hope that as we advance in years, and in a knowledge of the mysteries of our art, that our trust in GOD may so grow and develop in us, that when the final call from labor comes we may be fully prepared and ready to enter the secret vault above and join with our loved companions who have gone before in everlasting refreshments in the presence of our Heavenly Grand Master.

One year ago when you conferred on me the distinguished honor of electing me to the honorable and responsible office of Grand Master, I hoped, yea I expected, to be able during the year to visit many of the Councils represented here, and to exchange fraternal greetings with the Companions at their homes and within their secret vaults. My time, however, has not been at my own disposal, hence I could not leave my post of duty. That I have been unable to do so is a source of deep and pungent grief to me, and for which seeming neglect I most humbly crave your kind and charitable consideration.

Before proceeding to recount my official acts, it is not only proper, but a duty, to record a brief memorial to those Illustrious Companions who, since our last assembly, have laid aside the working tools of this earthly life to enjoy eternal refreshments in the Paradise of God.

NECROLOGY.

On the morning of September 1st, 1895, the spirit, the immortal part of Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER left its mortal tenement and ascended to its home within the secret vault above. Truly a father in ISRAEL—a patriach in Masonry has gone.

The funeral of Comp. BELCHER was held on September 7th, and the last sad rites of the fraternity were performed by the Grand Lodge of California, the Sir Knights of *California* and *Golden Gate* Commanderies acting as escort.

On the 26th day of June, 1860, our late *Ill.·.* Companion W. C. BELCHER presided over the Convention of Royal and Select Masters, which organized the Grand Council of R. & S. M. of California, of which he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and at the assembly of the Grand Council in 1861 he was elected *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, and from that date until the day of his death he has been intimately associated with every movement for the advancement of Masonic light and knowledge among the craft and the lifting up and elevation of the oppressed and downtrodden. Wherever Comp. BELCHER was known he was respected and loved; respected for the spotless character he bore, and loved for his gentleness, fidelity and broad humanity. He was a specimen product of nature.

From the other side of the Rocky Mountains the Companions of our sister jurisdictions have been called upon to mourn the loss of the following Companions:

Arkansas the loss of *Ill.·.* Comp. JASPER M. PINNELL, Grand Chaplain, who died May, 1895.

On May 4th, 1895, HARVEY C. HUSTON, Past *Ill.·.* Grand Master of the Grand Council of Illinois, was called from his labors here to rest and refreshment above.

The Grand Council of New York was called on August 7th, 1895, to sustain a severe loss in the death of Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master JOHN HODGE, who for years had been a leading standard bearer of the fraternity in the various Masonic bodies of the old Empire State.

Rhode Island lost a Past Grand Recorder by the death of *R.·. Ill.·.* HENRY M. RAWSON, who laid aside the working tools of the craft and joined the innumerable throng who have gone before, on March 23d, 1895.

On March 19th, 1895, the *Ill.·.* Companions of the Grand Council of Tennessee were called to mourn the loss of H. R. HOWARD, Past *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master.

Let us, Companions, tender to the fraternal dead—those who have passed from among us to attain the fruition of their hopes—such grateful tributes as spring from loyal and loving hearts, and tender those bereft our heartfelt, fraternal sympathy. Their zealous lives, their fidelity to their obligations and their labors within the secret vault, entitle them to our regard and veneration. Their names are inscribed upon our records and their good deeds upon the tablets of our memory.

"The hammer of thy discipline, O Lord!
Strikes fast and hard. Life's anvil rings again
To thy strong strokes, and yet we know 'tis then
That from the heart's hot iron, all abroad
The rich glow spreads, Great Fashioner Divine,
Who sparest not in thy far-seeing plan
The blows that shape the character of a man,
Or fire, that makes him yield to touch of thine.
Strike on, if so Thou wilt! for Thou alone
Canst rightly test the temper of our will,
Or tell how these base metals may fulfill
Thy purpose, making all our life thine own;
Only, we beseech Thee, let the pain
Of fiery ordeals through which we go
Shed all around us such a warmth and glow,
Such cheerful showers of sparks in golden rain
That hard hearts may be melted, cold hearts fired,
And callous hearts be taught to feel and see
That discipline is more to be desired
Than all the care that keeps us back from Thee."

Last June I received a letter from San Diego, which led to some correspondence with Companions there, in regard to organizing a Council of R. and S. Masters at that place; and it resulted in the conclusion that it would be better to defer further action until late in the autumn or early winter. I therefore did not continue the correspondence, but conferred with *M.·. Ill.·.* W. FRANK PIERCE, who was going to visit that locality about the time mentioned, and asked him to confer with the Companions when there, and see what could be done toward establishing a Council at that growing city. Companion PIERCE's report was, that owing to the extreme dull times and the general stagnation in business enterprises, the Companions at San Diego thought it best to defer further action for a while, at least. Therefore, nothing further has been done toward forming a Council at that place. We hope and trust, however, that during the coming year a Council will be established at that important place.

COMMISSIONS.

Having been notified that the office of Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, near our own, was vacant, I suggested the name of *M.·. Ill.·.* W. FRANK PIERCE, P. G. M., to fill the vacancy. I also gave the name of *R.·. Ill.·.* WM. HEWSON DAVIS, Dep. G. M., for the office of Grand Representative of the Grand Council of North Carolina near this Grand Council, commissions for both of whom have been duly received.

I received a notice from the *M.·. Ill.·.* JOHN F. BALDWIN, G. M. of the Grand Council of New York, November, 1895, that the Representative of the Grand Council of California near the Grand Council of New York was vacant, and recommended *R.·. Ill.·.* THEODORE M. BARBER, of Syracuse, N. Y., for such Grand Representative, whereupon a commission was duly issued to *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. BARBER.

On the same date, at the recommendation of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master of the Grand Council of North Carolina, I issued a commission to *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. W. F. RANDOLPH of Ashville, N. C., as the representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of North Carolina. On March 2d, 1896, I received a petition from *Ill.·.* Comp. JACOB HART NEFF and the requisite number of Companions for a dispensation to form and open at Auburn, Cal., a Council of Royal and Select Masters, to be known as *Gateway* Council, and as the petition was in due form and accompanied by a recommendation from *Sacramento* Council, No. 1 (the nearest Council), I granted a dispensation to the Companions named to form and open a Council, and on the 16th of April, I invited *R.·. Ill.·.* GEO. PENLINGTON, Grand Lecturer, to visit Auburn and institute the Council and install its officers. This is the first dispensation for a new Council that has been issued since 1883.

The past year has been one of great depression in business throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and in common with the Chapter and Commandery it has had its effect upon the Council. Aside from the 101 Companions,

who were suspended for non-payment of dues, many of whom have left the State, our membership has not materially changed, for as many Companions have been greeted or restored as have died (31), so that with the institution of *Gateway* Council and the prospective improvement in business, we may not only hope for but expect improved results the coming year.

We are living in a progressive age. Our associations with the outer world necessarily influence, to a greater or less extent, our surroundings in the Lodge, Chapter and Council, and *silence* and *secrecy* should be deeply imbedded in the tyled recesses of our hearts, ever present to protect us from innovation of any character. If you would stimulate Masonry have in high regard the mental and moral attributes with which those in official position should be richly endowed. Guard carefully the outer door with sleepless vigilance, live creditably, act honorably, always preserve the dignity of manhood, remembering in whose image you are created. Our fraternity is yearly occupying a more elevated plane, and our great endeavor should not only be to guard against retrogression, but by steadfast, persevering and persistent endeavor, to ennoble and dignify all that pertains to our forms, ceremonies and ritual, and, by purifying our mental, moral and physical surroundings, steadily advance towards perfection.

ASPIRATION.

However our forefathers may have wrought and achieved, however much we may have done for ourselves and others, there ought continually to be before us something nobler to be accomplished, something higher to be attained, therefore to me aspiration expresses the spirit of our fraternity. As yet we have not completed anything.

We do not claim that the Lodge stands for Christianity or a substitute for it. In the Blue Lodge degrees we do not pass beyond the Old Testament. This is no discredit; it is simply part of a great system, the perfection of which lies in degrees not represented by the Grand Lodge. Aspiration induces us to look from the Blue Lodge towards the Royal Arch, thence to the Select Master, and then onward to the Temple and the Scottish Rite, and yet when one has attained even this elevation in the fraternity, the true Mason feels that he is under greater obligation than ever to bring his own character and life up to the high standard which he has attained unto through the kindness and confidence of his brethren. He utters once more the word Aspiration. I am striving to attain not other degrees but a measure of ability and worth commensurate with the degrees already won.

Companions, I think you will agree with me that the fraternity has gone on onward and upward. The tone of the Order is higher and better today than ever in the days gone by, and still we are aspiring, not for ourselves alone but for others. We are citizens in a country that needs institutions which will serve to blend and render homogeneous our own society.

Vast problems confront us, but the problem of all problems is how to Americanize the people of our land and make them thoroughly one; and I believe, without underestimating the value of other institutions, that Freemasonry goes far towards obliterating racial distinctions, unifying men as men, humanizing them as individuals, and placing them in such harmony with each other as to provide a homogeneous citizenship for our country. And here let me say that Freemasonry not only has for its object the civilizing of the whole world, but Freemasonry is national, in every nation of the earth. There is no duty higher in a Mason's heart than the duty that he owes to his own country and his own flag. The history of the Revolution and of the late Civil War demonstrate this fact.

Before closing, I desire to return my sincere thanks for the uniformly courteous and fraternal treatment I have received from my associate and subordinate officers in the discharge of our official duties, and to all I can sincerely say "God speed you" in the work in which we are engaged. May all your endeavors prove to be for the advancement of Masonry and the Cryptic Rite, and to the honor and with the approval of our Supreme Grand Master, to whom be all the glory.

CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,
Grand Master.

Which Address was referred to a special committee of three. The Deputy Grand Master appointed as such committee—

On Address of Grand Master. ..... { Comp. William Abraham Davies, " James Bestor Merritt, " Wm. Frank Pierce.

The Grand Recorder presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council of California:—

The undersigned respectfully reports the following transactions of his office since the last Annual Assembly, also a statement of the receipts and expenditures, with such other matters as show the condition of the Cryptic Rite in this Grand Jurisdiction.

As soon as was possible the transactions of the last Annual Assembly were printed and the usual number distributed, as follows: One copy to each of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Council, five copies to the General Grand Council, one copy to each of our Representatives near other Grand Councils, three copies to each Grand Council with which we are in communication, and four copies to each subordinate Council of our obedience.

A dispensation was issued on the second day of March, 1896, by order of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master to Comps. JACOB HART NEFF, JOHN GOULD BISBEE, JOHN MATTHIAS FULWEILER and seven other Companions, to form

a new Council at Auburn, Placer County, in this State, to be known as *Gateway* Council. The petition therefor was recommended by *Sacramento* Council, No. 1, the nearest chartered Council. Having so recently organized under said dispensation, the undersigned is not advised whether application for a charter will be made at this Annual Assembly or not, but presume, from the well-known zeal of the Companions composing the new Council, that such will be the case.

Commissions to Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils have been issued as follows: To Comp. THEODORE M. BARBER, near the Grand Council of New York; and to Comp. W. F. RANDOLPH, near the Grand Council of North Carolina.

Amendment to the by-laws of *Oakland* Council, No. 12, changing the time of meeting and approved by the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master, is herewith presented, for reference to the usual committee.

The undersigned must again report a decrease in the total membership of the subordinate Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction. Said decrease is not the result of inefficiency on the part of the officers of our subordinate Councils nor of the active members thereof, but is the natural lopping off of those members who are lacking in a proper appreciation of the Cryptic Rite degrees, and choose by reason of such non-appreciation to become non-affiliates and suspended, rather than to contribute a small annual sum for the support and maintenance of one of the grandest and most instructive systems of the American Rite of Freemasonry. To all such, if *they* are satisfied, we can only say, "Peace be with you," and at the same time thank GOD that our records are no longer cumbered with the names of drones and unappreciative fossils.

From the annual reports, as of file in this office, the following showing appears:—

Number greeted during the year	29
Number affiliated	1
Number restored	2
Total increase	—32
Number withdrawn	33
Number excluded	2
Number suspended for non-payment of dues	101
Number died	31
Total decrease	—167

Showing a net loss of 135.

Number of affiliated Royal and Select Masters on January thirty-first, 1896, 901.

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder's office since the last Annual Assembly:—

RECEIPTS.

Sacramento Council,	No.	1,	dues to	February	1,	1896.	$106 50
California	" No.	2,	"	"	"	"	138 50
Marysville	" No.	3,	"	"	"	"	43 00
Sonora	" No.	5,	"	"	"	"	19 50
Shasta	" No.	6,	"	"	"	"	19 00
Helena	" No.	9,	"	"	"	"	38 00
Stockton	" No.	10,	"	"	"	"	35 50
Los Angeles	" No.	11,	"	"	"	"	36 00
Oakland	" No.	12,	"	"	"	"	44 50
						Total dues	$480 50
Gateway Council, U. D., dispensation fee							15 00
						Total receipts for the year	$495 50
Paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented ...							$495 50
Twelve warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer, amounting in the aggregate to							$458 50

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,
Grand Recorder.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and disbursements since the last Annual Assembly:—

FRANKLIN H. DAY, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council R. and S. M. of California:—

1895.			
April 15.	To balance cash on hand		$555 50
1896.			
Feb. 10.	To received from Grand Recorder	$283 00	
April 4.	" " " " "	212 50	
			495 50
			$1,051 00
1895.			
April 22.	By paid Edwin A. Sherman, Voucher No. 1	$ 65 00	
" 23.	" " Jas. Oglesby, " " 2	7 50	
" 26.	" " Samuel D. Mayer, " " 3	7 50	
May 23.	" " T. H. Caswell, " " 4	20 00	
	Carried forward	$100 00	

			Brought forward....		$100	00
June 5.	By paid	T. H. Caswell,	Voucher No.	5....	31	25
July 13.	" "	"	" "	6....	4	55
" 19.	" "	"	" "	7....	31	25
" 20.	" "	Geo. Spaulding & Co.,	" "	8....	215	00
Aug. 16.	" "	Frank Eastman & Co.,	" "	9....	10	00
1896.						
Jan. 4.	" "	T. H. Caswell,	" "	10....	31	25
April 4.	" "	"	" "	11....	31	25
" 4.	" "	Frank Eastman & Co.,	" "	12....	4	00
					458	55
April 20.	Balance cash on hand				$592	45

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN H. DAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances and Returns.

Com. CHARLES LEWIS PATTON, President of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, addressed the Grand Council, setting forth the claims and condition of the Home, and urged the co-operation and support of the members of Grand Council in furthering its speedy completion.

Comp. EDWIN ALLEN SHERMAN, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, which was referred to the first three officers of the Grand Council, who recommend the printing of the same, as follows:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of California:

I herewith respectfully present the following Report on Fraternal Correspondence for the year ending April 22, 1896.

The proceedings of the following Grand Councils have been received and reviewed, there being twenty-nine in all, among which are three new Grand Councils, namely: Indian Territory, Washington and Colorado; the two former having been authorized by the General Grand Master, and the latter independent and by him condemned.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL'S NOTICE July 25, 1895.

ARKANSAS	1895	FLORIDA	1895
COLORADO	1895	GEORGIA	1895
CONNECTICUT	1895	ILLINOIS	1895
ENGLAND AND WALES	1895	INDIANA	1895

INDIAN TERRITORY 1895	NEW HAMPSHIRE.....1894
KANSAS 1895, 1896	NEW JERSEY.....1895
KENTUCKY 1895	NEW YORK.....1895
LOUISIANA.....1894, 1895	NORTH CAROLINA.....1894, 1895
MAINE 1895	OHIO.....1895
MARYLAND.. .....1892, 1893, 1894	OREGON.. 1895
MASSACHUSETTS 1895	SOUTH CAROLINA..1893, 1894, 1895
MINNESOTA.....1895	TENNESSEE.....1895, 1896
MISSISSIPPI.....1895	VERMONT.....1895
MISSOURI.....1895	WASHINGTON.....1895

THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

M.·. P.·. JOHN W. COBURN has issued the following notice:—

To the Grand Councils of the Various Jurisdictions:

Notice is hereby given, that Grand Councils have been duly and lawfully organized under dispensation of the General Grand Master, as constituent members of the General Grand Council, as follows:—

The GRAND COUNCIL OF INDIAN TERRITORY, at Muskogee, on May 16, 1895. ROBERT W. HILL, Muskogee, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master; JOSEPH S. MURROW, Atoko, Grand Recorder.

The GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, at Tacoma, on June 5, 1895. HENRY L. KENNAN, Spokane, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master; EDWARD R. HARE, Tacoma, Grand Recorder.

A cordial reception in the family of the Grand Councils is bespoken the above new members.

By order of

M.·. P.·. JOHN W. COBURN,
General Grand Master.

Attest at Fort Wayne, Ind., July 25, 1895.

HENRY W. MORDHURST,
General Grand Recorder.

Welcome, Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws and Chinooks, into the National Family of Councils, and we will all smoke the pipe of peace in the *temescal*, at Tacoma on the Sound, by the coming woman at *Spokane*, in the wigwam at Muskogee, or even in the *Magnum Cryptus Sanctus*. We extend to you from California the most cordial and fraternal welcome and greeting. In the language of Solomon, "Ahishar, let food and wine be set before these who have journeyed hither, and be prepared to set forth at night-fall."

ARKANSAS.

The thirty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas met in the city of Little Rock, at 10 A. M. on Friday, the 22d day of November, 1895, and was opened in Ample Form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

M.·. I.·. ANTONIO B. GRACE, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. JAMES A. HENRY, Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are seventeen Councils in this jurisdiction, twelve of which were represented. Eleven had made their returns and paid their dues; two had made returns but paid no dues, and four made no returns.

The *M.·. I.·. G.·. M.·.* delivered a brief but extemporaneous address. In it he congratulated that Grand Council that the Cryptic Rite is holding its own, is flourishing in the larger towns, and its prospects are bright for the future. He recommends that the action of the *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master be sustained in the suspending from office the *M.·. I.·.* Masters of the Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Colorado, which have set up an independent State Grand Council.

The only report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is the following, which was adopted:—

"*To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas:*—

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom was referred certain matters, fraternally submit the following report:—

"We recommend that the Grand Council of the Indian Territory and the Grand Council of the State of Washington be recognized as duly and lawfully organized. We find that six Councils in Colorado attempted to organize a Grand Council. As to the regularity of this attempt we cannot speak, but the General Grand Council of the United States has declared such attempt to be illegal and void. And as we are constitutionally of the General Grand Council we recommend that no action be taken by this Grand Council in that case.

GEORGE THORNBURGH,
F. E. BADGER,
W. K. DOBBINS,
Committee."

M.·. I.·. REUBEN J. LAUGHLIN was elected and installed Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* JAMES A. HENRY re-elected and reinstalled Grand Recorder.

COLORADO.

1895.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Colorado, *Ill.·.* Comp. W. A. MCGREW, Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS E. SHEARS, Grand Recorder, has sent out the following notice to all the Grand Councils and ours has received that directed to it:—

"DENVER, COLO., July 8, 1895.

"*The M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California:*—

"ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS—On December 6, 1894, A. Dep. 2894, a convention of Royal and Select Masters was held in the city of Denver, State of Colorado. Said convention was the result of a unanimous call from six Councils of Royal and Select Masters, working in Colorado, and chartered on August 21, 1894, by the General Grand Council of the United States, at their Triennial Assembly at Topeka, Kans., and was called for the purpose of determining the advisability of organizing a Grand Council for Colorado. There were present at this convention representatives of the aforesaid six Councils, and their deliberations resulted in the organization of the Grand Council of Colorado; and it was

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to notify the General Grand Council of the United States, and the several independent Grand Councils of the United States, that a Grand Council has been duly organized in and for the State of Colorado, and that it is the decision of this Grand Council that it act as an independent Grand Council.

"In accordance with that resolution I hereby notify you of the facts set forth above. Fraternally yours,

THOMAS E. SHEARS,
Grand Recorder."

Here are two questions involved in the above action: territorial sovereignty of the General Grand Council of the United States and the independence of State Grand Councils created by subordinates of the former. On the lines of political constitutional government, it would be settled by coercion to the national authority. A territory, except in the case of California in 1849, has never set up a State government, with a constitution and officers elected and appointed in conformity therewith—but even this was done with the encouragement and moral aid given by the President of the United States, Gen. Zachary Taylor—and then demanded admission into the Union and sisterhood of States, which, after fierce opposition, was at last accorded to it on September 9, 1850. But California never had anything but a military government from July 7, 1846, until she set up a complete organized State government in November, 1849, and January, 1850.

The mistake made by the Councils of Colorado is that they had not surrendered their charters to the General Grand Council and then applied to an independent Grand Council for new charters and then proceeded to the organization of the Grand Council of Colorado as an independent body, leaving the question of individual fealty to be afterwards decided by itself. The subordinate Councils of Colorado had a perfect right of themselves to organize a State Grand Council as they did, but to declare themselves independent and no longer owing allegiance to the General Grand Council which created them, was unlawful secession. The Constitution of the United States declares, "In order to form a more perfect union," etc., "we, the people of these United States, do ordain and establish this Constitution," and there is no provision made for peaceable dismemberment or withdrawal. The Congress creates territories, and, with the Executive, organizes them with their officers and determines their boundaries. Enabling acts are passed by the same power which created them, whereby they can become States and are admitted into the Union upon an equality with the others; but for a Territory to call a convention, adopt a constitution and establish itself as a State *per se*, and then declare itself independent of the national authority, would be revolution and rebellion. Hence the General Grand Council could not recognize the action of what would lead to its own dismemberment by the constituencies created by itself. To admit such a doctrine would be to commit suicide by gradual mutilation of its members and bleeding to death. Therefore the General Grand Mas-

ter could not do otherwise than to maintain the sovereignty, supremacy and dignity of the General Grand Council by issuing an edict as he has done; but in doing so, in one respect his own position is untenable in claiming that the Councils in Colorado had not the *right* to form a Grand Council without first obtaining his consent. If they had simply organized a Grand Council and still maintained their allegiance to the General Grand Council, no fault could be found with them further than that of an act of discourtesy by ignoring the General Grand Master in the preliminaries of their procedure.

The real cause and animus which underlies this matter seems to be from the facts stated by *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM A. MCGREW, *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master of Colorado, the indifference or disinclination of the General Grand Recorder to promptly forward charters to Councils which had been granted, and he evidently wanted to delay them for the very purpose of preventing them from forming a Grand Council, which would inevitably cut off the revenue of the *per capita* tax that went into the treasury of the General Grand Council. The delay of sending the charters, which seemed to the Colorado Councils unnecessary and intentional, and that the Grand Recorder was determined to prevent the organization, if possible, of the Grand Council of Colorado by his dilatory action; "*Montani semper liberi*" ("Mountain men are always free"), and are also sensitive to the quick, and our Rocky Mountain Companions of Colorado evidently did not intend to be thwarted and ruled by the usurpation of the Secretarial in the southeast corner of the General Grand Council, and therefore took the bit in their teeth regardless of those who held the reins. We admire the spirit of our Colorado Companions, in the organization of their Grand Council, but must condemn their secession. Their Grand Council having been constitutionally formed, the authority of the General Grand Master to suspend the *Ill.·.* Masters of the subordinate Councils which formed it without his consent is untenable. What he should have done would have been to interdict the Grand Council of Colorado until it returned to its allegiance.

CONNECTICUT.

1895.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Connecticut held its seventy-seventh Annual Assembly in the city of New Haven, the 13th day of May, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895, commencing at 10:30 A. M.

M.·. P.·. FRANK H. TROWBRIDGE, Grand Master, presiding, and *T.·. I.·.* Comp. JAMES MCCORMICK keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twenty Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 3,105, being a gain of 159 over the last year, and all were represented.

Our *Ill.·.* Comp. A. B. SHUMWAY, Representative from California, was present.

The Grand Master's Address is a clear and faithful report of official duty well performed. He pays a just and elóquent tribute to the character of our late *Ill.·.* Comp. JOSEPH KELLOGG WHEELER, Grand Recorder, giving his Masonic record in full.

The other Grand Officers, among whom the work of the jurisdiction is divided, made their reports, showing equal fidelity and interest taken by them in advancing the healthy progress of the Cryptic Rite.

M.·. P.·. JOHN W. COBURN, Past *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master of the Grand Council of New York and General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, and *R.·. I.·.* FREDERICK KANTER, Grand Conductor of the Grand Council of New York, were introduced and received with the Grand Honors.

There was no report on Correspondence.

T.·. I.·. Comp. I. F. STIDHAM was elected *M.·. P.·.* Grand Master and *T.·. I.·.* Comp. JAMES MCCORMICK was elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Grand Council Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales held its Annual Meeting at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen street, W. C., on Thursday, the 14th March, 1895.

R.·. I.·. The VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN, Deputy Grand Master, presiding as Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* C. F. MATIER, P. D. G. M., Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There was no Address from the Grand Oriental Chair, and only the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer furnished business, which was but little to be acted on.

The *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master had granted the warrants for three Councils at Calcutta, Ceylon and Chichgur, at far-off "India's coral strand."

This Grand Council mourns the loss of Comp. ALFRED WILLIAMS, Past Deputy Grand Master.

There is no report on Correspondence.

The Grand Recorder says:—

"The Grand Council is on terms of amity and fraternal intercourse with the General Grand Council of the United States of America, and with all the State Grand Councils, not only of the United States, but also of the Dominion of Canada; and the Grand Recorder begs to thank his many correspondents across the Atlantic for their kindly and fraternal recognition of the efforts of this Grand Council for the promotion of the best interests of our beloved Cryptic Rite.

"The Grand Council of Scotland appears to be dormant, *and most unfortunately owing to the action of the Council of Rites in Ireland, the Cryptic Degrees, in common with many other parts of the Great Masonic System, are not permitted to be conferred in that portion of Her Majesty's dominion.* [They have the Griptic Rite, and will not tolerate any other.—*Reviewer.*]

"The whole of the instructions for working the various ceremonies of the Cryptic Rite in England have been most carefully prepared by the Grand Recorder and Grand Lecturer, and may be obtained at the office *by any qualified Brother for 5s. 0d. a copy.*" [The italics are ours.]

The *R.·. I.·.* VISCOUNT DUNGARVAN was reappointed Deputy Grand Master, and the *R.·. I.·.* C. F. MATIER reappointed Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA.

1895.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Florida assembled in twenty-second Annual Convention, at the Masonic Temple, in the town of Milton, May 23, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Ill.·. Comp. GEORGE S. HALLMARK, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JOHN CARLOVITZ, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are five subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction (one is U. D.), with a membership of 103, being a gain of eight during the past year.

From the earnest Address of the Grand Master and the persistent, untiring and pertinacious zeal of the Grand Recorder, which is worthy of the highest encomiums of praise, the Cryptic Rite in the land of PONCE DE LEON has been permitted to sink out of sight in the swamps of the everglades. All honor to them all who have kept it alive. In his Address the Grand Master says:—

"I beg to thank you, my Companions, for the kind assistance you have given me lo! these many years; and especially do I wish to thank our true and tried Reporter, JOHN CARLOVITZ, who has so nobly performed the duties of Grand Recorder at so great a sacrifice to his business. When things looked so dark for our Grand Council he was ever ready to cheer us with kind, strong words. My Companions, we owe the life of this Grand Council to him more than to any one man living.

"And now, my Companions, as the dark clouds are passing away and the Grand Council is fast emerging into the bright sunshine, I ask you to let me lay down the gavel, by electing some one of the Companions as Grand Master, not that I desire to shirk from the work, but there are others with laudable ambitions that should be gratified. Let me rest.

"GOD bless you, my Companions, and may He give you peace always.

Fraternally, GEO. S. HALLMARK."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. JOHN CARLOVITZ, and, though short, is sweet, and in speaking of the new Councils, says:—

"May these Councils, like the rising sun, that origin of life and light, also become the life and light in the future of the Cryptic Rite in Florida. May the vivifying rays of his labors penetrate every hamlet and be the instrument of establishing new Councils in places where this light has never shone before. The Masonic fraternity of Florida in general is prosperous enough for the Grand Council to have at least twenty subordinate Councils instead of four as now.

"The Cryptic Degrees should be better known and understood among Masons, and when rightly comprehended, we hope, will receive the appreciation and support the importance of these degrees deserve.

"The Rite exists to give men light and to make them to understand how the great central truth of Freemasonry was preserved. We illustrate a deposit of a great symbol, but we do it to teach how the discoverers thereof had assurance of what it was.

"Your committee, in deviating from the usual course of duty assigned to

the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, have deemed it best for the welfare of this Grand Council to speak of home matters, to lay before the old members facts that would incite them to a closer application to duty, and also to the members of the new Councils as an incentive to be alive to their duties and obligations they assumed as Royal and Select Masters upon their entrance in the secret vault."

Ill.·. Comp. GEORGE S. HALLMARK was re-elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. JOHN CARLOVITZ re-elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

1895.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Georgia met in the fifty-second Annual Assembly, in the Masonic Temple in the city of Macon, at 1:30 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, April 24, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

M.·. I.·. HENRY C. BURR, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. I.·.* ANDREW M. WOLIHIN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are sixteen Councils in this jurisdiction, of which fourteen were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is an able and cheering one, and in his labors he has combined the duties of the Grand Oriental Chair with that of Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, and presented a most admirable Address and review, worthy of being followed and copied by the *M.·. P.·.* General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, from which we take the following excerpts:—

"It affords us much pleasure and satisfaction that the Rite has shown a progress during the past year, and the outlook is much brighter than when I addressed you last. Our list is increasing, two having been added since our last Assembly. While this is slower than we anticipated, it is surely an advancement toward the culmination of our hopes. The thoughtful Masonic student is becoming more appreciative of the beneficial results derived from the beautiful lessons taught.

"It is with gratification that we watch the Rite's steady growth in this jurisdiction. The future is still more favorable. The apathy of the past is gradually giving way to the well-directed efforts of the Companions whose zeal has never faltered in their devotion to the Order. These brothers have not grown weary in the interest of the good work in endeavoring to infuse new life into those who were in the act of halting. These efforts are being crowned with some success, and we feel assured that the tide has turned. With the assistance and hearty co-operation of all, much more can be done. Let each Companion strive to give that aid which our beloved Order so worthily deserves.

"On you depends the success of your Council; labor diligently; study the Ritual, and by being prompt at your Assemblies, the members will soon appreciate your efforts. Duty will become a pleasure, and you will look back with pride at the work accomplished and the good that has resulted."

He pays a tender fraternal tribute to the memory of our late Past Grand Master DAVID P. MARSHALL, with others, and deeply sympathizes with

California in its loss. He pays us a compliment hardly deserved in the following notice:—

"The Foreign Correspondence is by that able Masonic writer, Companion SHERMAN, and to him will say that Georgia is no longer pent up, nor has she contracted her powers, but wishes to hold Masonic intercourse with the universe, including California."

Thank you, Comp. BURR, for your good opinion. We only endeavor to adhere strictly to the Masonic line of truth and honor, "letting the chips fall where they will."

Georgia's Masonic lights have illumined the dome of the Temple in the century that has passed, and among the galaxy of stars there shine the names of ROCKWELL, SCOTT and DAVIDSON in that firmament to which that of BURR will hereafter be added in the realm of light.

There was no direct report of the Grand Recorder printed in the Proceedings, but in the Report of the Committee on General Business a general statement appears of the offices of Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer and the transactions done in that jurisdiction during the previous year, though it makes no mention of the groves of Walhalla, yet they are not ready to commit to immortality that faithful Companion and officer ANDREW M. WOLIHIN.

M.·. I.·. Comp. HENRY C. BURR was re-elected Grand Master, and *R.·. I.·.* Comp. ANDREW M. WOLIHIN was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

1895.

The forty-third Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois was held in the Masonic Temple, city of Chicago, on the 23d day of October, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895, at 10 o'clock A. M.

M.·. I.·. ALFRED M. WERNER, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* GIL. W. BARNARD, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Forty-one subordinate Councils were represented with a membership of 2,659, increase of the previous year 161 by the returns.

The Address of the Grand Master exhibits his earnest zeal and devotion to the interests of Cryptic Masonry in the "Sucker State. We take from it the following:—

"GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

"I am particularly gratified in that I can say to you that the fraternal friendship between this and all other Grand Jurisdictions remains in a most satisfactory condition. This one fact alone speaks in strongest terms for the perpetuity of Cryptic Masonry, not only in our own jurisdiction, but wherever Councils of Royal and Select Masters exist.

"On the 11th of July I received official information (through *M.·. Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS E. SHEARS, Grand Recorder), of the organization of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Colorado. Not deeming it to be within my province as Grand Master to extend to this Grand Council recognition in the usual manner, I replied to the communication assuring

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. SHEARS of my personal consideration, and assured him that the matter should be promptly and properly referred to this Grand Council, when convened, for its consideration. I referred the correspondence, with all other information in may hands, to the Committee on Correspondence, with request that it be presented to you. I trust you will give the report of the committee your prompt attention, in order that disposition may be made of the matter and all proper recognition given to the Grand Council of Colorado consistent with fraternal courtesy and true Masonic fellowship."

M.·. Ill.·. Comp. GEO. W. WARVELLE presented the following special report from the Committee on Correspondence in relation to the Grand Council of Colorado, which was received and adopted:—

"*To the Grand Council, R. and S. M. of Illinois:*

"Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of the Grand Council of Colorado, would respectfully report:

"That it has examined the documents submitted, relative to the formation of the said Grand Council of Colorado, and finds:

"That said Grand Council was duly organized at the city of Denver, Dec. 6, 1894.

"That the methods employed and procedure followed in the organization of said Grand Council was strictly in accordance with Masonic usage and precedent.

"That the constituent members of said Grand Council which participated in its organization were regularly constituted and legal bodies.

"That the organization of said Grand Council was effected by the representatives of all the Councils then existing in the State of Colorado.

"That *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM A. MCGREW is now the *M.·. I.·.* Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS E. SHEARS is now the Grand Recorder of said Grand Council.

"Wherefore, your committee would recommend:

"That the Grand Council of Illinois, Royal and Select Masters, do recognize the Grand Council of Colorado, Royal and Select Masters, as a lawfully organized governing body of the Rite possessing full and exclusive jurisdiction within the territorial limits of the State of Colorado over the Degrees of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Master.

"That relations of amity and correspondence be established with said Grand Council of Colorado and representatives be exchanged therewith.

"Respectfully submitted,

"GEO. W. WARVELLE,

"Committee."

Now here is a case of a direct act of unfriendliness towards the General Grand Council which ought to interdict all intercourse with the jurisdiction of Illinois, which has thus recognized and encouraged the seceding Grand Council of Colorado, and which, through the influence of an Illinois companion, has become detached and separated from its allegiance, the Councils created by it, and is now supported in its wrong action by a sister Grand Council as aider and abetter after the fact, confirming what had been done before.

What if the General Grand Council should now charter Councils in Illinois, encourage them to form a new Grand Council in that State that would owe allegiance to its creator? It would be a lawful act of retalia-

tion if it were so to do, though it would create further confusion among the craft by so doing.

Ill.·. Comp. M. L. LORD was elected Grand Master and *Ill.* Com. GIL. W. BARNARD re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

1895.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Indiana assembled at their fortieth Annual Meeting in Masonic Temple, in the city of Indianopolis, at 2 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, the 22d day of October, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

Ill.·. Comp. THOMAS B. LONG, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are forty-eight subordinate Councils with a membership of 2,458 in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Master's Address is a fine one, with a long swinging cadence of lengthy sentences and elongated paragraphs. It must have required wonderfully respiratory powers to have delivered or read it orally. The first paragraph is over a page or forty lines in length, with but six sentences, but there is a majestic movement that could not but have commanded attention when delivered and been admired by those who heard it. He condemns the action of the Councils in Colorado for organizing the Grand Council in that State, and says:—

"It is a source of surprise and regret that the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, though itself an independent Grand Council, recommended the course of these ungrateful seceders and recognized the formation of a Grand Body in so questionable a manner as this.

"In view of the fact, however, that no communications whatever from the irregular body referred to have been addressed to the Grand Council of Indiana, it is questionable whether the time has arrived for us to take any action in the premises."

Ill.·. THOMAS R. MARSHALL was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* WILLIAM H. SMYTHE re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

1895.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Indian Territory held its first Annual Assembly in Masonic Hall, Atoka, Indian Territory, at 3 o'clock P. M., August 15th, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

M.·. I.·. ROBERT W. HILL, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. I.·.* JOSEPH S. MURROW, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There were three Councils represented.

This Grand Council was regularly organized in the Masonic Hall at Muskogee, May 16, 1895, at an adjourned Convention by call of the President, held under dispensation of the General Grand Master *M.·. P.·.*

JOHN W. COBURN, who had approved of all the proceedings theretofore had and the Constitution framed and adopted at the same sitting. Nothing had been lacking in due courtesy to the General Grand Master, or any evasion of the requirements prescribed by him in advance by his dispensation of paramount allegiance to the General Grand Council.

We take the following from the Grand Master's hopeful Address:—

"Little has been done, therefore, under our new organization, except to plan for future expansion and to counsel as to the best means of development. Owing to the long delay in perfecting the organization of our Grand Council, the grant of dispensations for new Councils has not been possible. Correspondence and personal interviews with zealous companions, however, give us the assurance that we shall have several new Councils under dispensation by the time of our next Annual Assembly. Had it not been for the great fire which destroyed the Masonic Hall at Ardmore, the companions there would have applied for a dispensation. At Antlers there is a strong desire for a Council. Tahlequah will soon be ready as well, so that our prospects for growth are fair. In fact, as soon as the Councils in the territory were placed in a position where we could control the peculiar local conditions which prevail, there developed an interest which otherwise could not have been aroused. The General Grand Council is too remote, its knowledge of local conditions too limited to secure from it the special attention which the growth of Cryptic Masonry requires in this territory. Our relations with the General Grand Council have always been pleasant, and the General Grand Master has endeavored to aid us as far as possible, but the organization of our own Grand Council for the territory promises much more for the growth of Cryptic Masonry than we could reasonably hope for while sustaining our former relations to the General Grand Council."

Success to this little Indian Grand Council.

M.·. I.·. ROBERT W. HILL was re-elected Grand Master and *R.·. I.·.* JOSEPH S. MURROW, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

1895.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas convened in its twenty-seventh Annual Assembly, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Topeka, at 9 o'clock A. M., February 18, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

M.·. I.·. WILLIAM H. MIZE, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. A. M. CALLAHAM, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are ten Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 797, a gain of thirty-nine over the previous year, all of which were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master commends itself to the attention of every true Cryptic Mason who is devoted to the true interests of the Cryptic Rite. We take the following extracts from it as worthy of reproduction:—

"Our hope, then, for the future success of the Council rests upon our own endeavors. It cannot be denied that its teachings and symbolisms are beautiful in the extreme. Its rites and ceremonies, when properly

rendered, are inspiring. Let us endeavor to impress upon the minds of Royal Arch Masons, whether they shall have reached the Commandery or not, that they can never become *perfect* Masons until they shall have been admitted to the secrets of the Royal Vault. Then when they ask for the privilege of participating in our labors, let us be prepared to make the degrees not only instructive but appreciated. Let every Council be equipped with proper working tools and paraphernalia. Let us cease to make the Grand and constituent Councils simply stepping stones to something more to our liking. Let not our Annual Assemblies be made side shows for other Grand bodies which are numerically stronger. Let our legislation be conducted with the same decorum that pervades that of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. Let such legislation be enacted as will hereafter forever prohibit the *communicating* of the Royal and Select Master's degrees. Require those degrees to be *conferred in Due Form* throughout, and permit no Council to 'admit' and 'greet' a greater number of candidates at one Assembly than it can *confer* the degrees upon, and that properly. No one who has received them by communication can ever fully appreciate their beauties, and but few such will ever become enthusiastic workers in the Secret Vault."

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Master himself, Comp. D. BYINGTON having crossed over the river to the other side, where fraternal correspondence has ceased and is lost in celestial brotherly intercourse. His picture appears in the frontispiece, and in the body of the Proceedings that of Comp. FRITZ MAGERES, Grand Tyler 1866–1894.

The Grand Master devotes about a page to California in his review of correspondence, and takes up our recommendation of a few years ago to help the Cryptic Rite on its feet, where it was weak by opening the Councils to the admission of members of the Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite, which was the original owner of the Council degrees and propagated them even in the Northern Jurisdiction and established Councils.

He asks the question:—

"Suppose the candidate on reaching the Master's degree gives the Chapter the go-by, and takes the Scottish Rite road; suppose, again, after reaching the Lodge of Perfection, he petitions a Council composed of only Chapter Masons—and many do not contain a single Scottish Rite Mason, will Comp. SHERMAN please explain how the aforesaid candidate will prove that he is entitled to the Cryptic Degrees?"

We will answer by asking him a question or two in turn. Suppose a Scottish Rite Mason, not in possession of the Zerubbabel Royal Arch Chapter degrees, but in lawful possession of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, receiving them in a regularly constituted Council originally chartered and governed by the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, should present his credentials to a regular Council, would he or could he on that account be lawfully denied the right of visitation? In 1868 that Supreme Council relinquished jurisdiction over those degrees and permitted its subordinate Councils of Royal and Select Masters to form Grand Councils in several States; but those Grand Councils never deprived those who had not taken the American Chapter degrees of any of their rights as Royal and Select Masters. Arkansas, Mississippi and other States in

the south were in this category and formed of composite material of both Rites. The Lodge of Perfection is the secret vault itself and was in existence before the Council of Royal and Select Masters was heard of, and those degrees were side degrees of the A. and A. S. Rite and were conferred in Councils of Princes of Jerusalem of the 15th and 16th degrees of that Rite in whose bosoms the Lodges of Perfection were at times held, and in which the original Royal Arch degree of King Solomon is conferred and is the 13th of that Rite.

M.·. Ill.·. JAMES S. MAY was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* A. M. CALLAHAM elected Grand Recorder.

1896.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas convened in its twenty-eighth Annual Assembly, in Garfield Hall, in the city of Wichita, at 9 A. M., February 17, 1896.

M.·. I.·. JAMES S. MAY, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. A. M. CALLAHAM, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eleven Councils in this jurisdiction with a membership of 797, all of which were represented.

The Grand Master's Address for its rhetorical beauty, its imagery, eloquence and spirit, is a perfect jewel set with gems, and is a model for others to copy after, and the Grand Master who wrought it should have been re-elected as a portion of his reward. From it we take the following:—

"ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL — Some hundreds of miles to the westward lie the mighty Rockies, from whose glinting tops and rock-ribbed sides gush forth the waters pure and sweet, as if distilled in the laboratory of Heaven, which, rushing on their way to the sea, diffusing life and blessings everywhere, uniting with other streams as pure, form the stream on whose peaceful banks and in whose fruitful valley sits the Peerless Princess of the Plains, whose guests we are to-day, and whose hands are outstretched everywhere to extend salutations to us as we come at the opening of this, our twenty-eighth Annual Assembly. Not many generations ago, where you now sit encircled with all that exalts and embellishes civilized life, the rank blue-stem nodded its tasseled head in the wind. The sunflower, the emblem of our State, turned its face to the great orb of day, and kept watch of his journeyings. Here lived and loved another race of beings. Beneath the same sun that rolls over your heads, gazing on the same fair Queen of Night that smiles for all, another and far different council was assembled. To these poor sons of the then desert no light of the Bible had come; to them the laws of GOD were not traced on tables of stone, but in the book of Nature, whose teachings are never distorted, in the stars that sank in beauty beyond the crimson west, where earth and sky touched each other; in the midday flame from the blazing sun, in the flower that bloomed in the night time, and withered when day was again come; in the sighing of the flower-scented breezes as they came, laden with the perfume of the sunny south-lands; in its own majestic form, on the tablets of his heart — in all these were traced the revelations of the universe, and to whose mysterious source he bent in humble and silent adoration. A traveler, in journeying westward, came to the base of

the mountain, and saw before him nothing but impregnable rocky fastnesses, which he could not climb. But there came also a skilled engineer, whose cunning was equal to the skill of the architect at the building of the first temple, and by following the mysterious inclinations of his instrument, he sought and found a pathway, whereby the mountain's mighty crest was reached. The ribbons of steel were laid, the commerce of a continent was transported over what to the first seemed an impassable barrier. So likewise in assuming the duties of the station to which you elevated me one year ago I felt as if there was no pathway by which I might reach the end of the journey; but with the assistance of the Companions, on whose wisdom I confidently relied, the mountain's heights have been climbed, the difficulties overcome, and now we have come to close the year's labors."

The Correspondence is by *Ill.*. Comp. A. M. CALLAHAM, the Grand Recorder, whose tender and merited tribute to the widow of his predecessor, Comp. D. BYINGTON, last year, was worthy of all praise in the recognition of her faithful services as aid to her invalid husband. His Report is admirably well written, reviewing twenty-seven proceedings of Grand Councils, covering thirty-six pages of close solid matter.

He gives to California a page, from which we take the following:—

"A special committee on the History of the Grand Council submitted a report, from which it appears that the Grand Council of California was organized June 26, 1860, by four Councils, which held charters from the Grand Councils of Tennessee, Alabama and Texas; and ISAAC DAVIS was the first Grand Master.

"Comp. SHERMAN presented the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, and prints further information on the subject of the early connection of the Cryptic degrees with the Scottish Rite. From the mass of evidence one must find that those degrees were appended to that Rite. No matter what their parentage originally was, they are certainly able now to stand alone.

"If the degrees of the Council were evolved out of the Scottish Rite, it does not prove their lack of luster and value. There are doubtless other degrees, as now practiced in the American Rite, which were evolved from the Scottish and other rites. In the early history of Masonry in this country there was much done that would now be called irregular, and the membership clandestine, but which time has corrected.

"There were degree peddlers, unquestionably, but they must have had something good to sell, for upon the degrees that were formulated then has grown a structure that is majestic in its proportions and magnificent in influence. The great grandfather 'may change his name when he comes west,' for reasons he would not care to mention, yet the grandson may bring honor to the name and benefit the world for having been brought into it.

"The literature which Comp. SHERMAN has given in his reports is valuable as a matter of history. The degrees of the Council reflect credit on their early parentage, and there the whole dispute should end, and no recriminations flung at any one."

Comp. CALLAHAM is so just and fair in his criticisms that we are pleased to welcome him to the corps of reviewers, and take, from his standpoint, with fraternal good feeling, the gentle reproofs he gives to us, in the kindly spirit which he manifests. But as his counsel is given apparently without knowledge of the past, of the truth maintained by us, and the honor and

reputation of the sacred dead defended by us from wanton attacks, his criticism only applies to general principles in the abstract, which is correct; but the application is made *ex parte*, without examination of the other side, to which we would direct his attention. He has invented a new title, "The Companion of Many Pronouns," which perhaps is better.

M.·. Ill.·. A. A. CARNAHAN was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. A. M. CALLAHAM re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

1895.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of Kentucky, met in Annual Assembly, at the Masonic Temple, Louisville, on Monday, October 14, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

M.·. Ill.·. HENRY RANSHAW, Grand Master, presiding, and *V.·. Ill.·.* Comp. EDWARD HOYT CRONINGER, acting Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief and concise, and relates to local matters chiefly, and only of home interest. He refers to the new Grand Council of Colorado, and though Kentucky is an independent jurisdiction, he says: "I do not deem it advisable to attempt to take action on the matter at this assembly."

The fraternal correspondence is by our genial Comp. JAMES W. STATON, who gives a brief cursory report, covering two pages, but in closing, says: "That if there is a prospect that the finances will admit of it, we will prepare a more extensive report next year."

There are twenty Councils on the roll in this jurisdictioh, eight of which have not paid any dues for years to this Grand Council, which seems to say, by its action, "let them alone for this year, also." It must be discouraging to the Grand Recorder and to the Committee on Correspondence. There is certainly a *still* down there, whether it is a Bourbon, a bluegrass or not, there is no *spirit* in it, evidently.

Ill.·. Comp. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER VOGT was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. LORENZO DOW CRONINGER was re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

1894.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of Louisiana, assembled in its thirty-ninth Annual Assembly, in the Masonic Temple, corner of St. Charles and Perdido streets, city of New Orleans, on Thursday, 15th of February, 1894, at 12 o'clock M., *M.·. Ill.·.* HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Address of the Grand Master was brief and confined to matters purely local, but hopeful. He says:—

"The skies are not as fair for our beloved Rite as they were a year ago,

yet the lowering clouds are not of our making, nor do they arise from any cause that is not Masonic. There is all the greater reason that we stand together, and reserve our energies to wait for the sunshine."

There was no report from the Committee on Correspondence.

Grand Master, *Ill.·.* HERMAN C. DUNCAN, and Grand Recorder, *Ill.·.* RICHARD LAMBERT, were both re-elected.

1895.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of Louisiana, assembled in its fortieth Annual Assembly, in the Masonic Temple, city of New Orleans, on Thursday, February 14, 1895, at 12 o'clock M.,—*M.·.* *Ill.·.* HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Master's Address is brief, business-like, healthful and to the point. From it we take the following:—

"THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS—It is with pleasure that we greet you to-day. Health is ours, and all the workmen are standing fast in their places. The contraction of values and the consequent financial stringency have hindered the development of the Cryptic Rite, and prevented the establishment of new Councils, but those of us who already enlisted are faithful, and there is no cause for discouragement.

"In December I was notified that the General Grand Council had determined to deposit whatever the several Grand Masters desired, in an iron box, to be locked on the 31st of that month, and kept locked for one hundred years. This seemed to us a strange procedure, yet, nevertheless, I requested our Grand Recorder to send a copy of our recent proceedings and such other matters as he might deem proper, to New York, to constitute Louisiana's contribution to the deposit.

"The Cryptic Rite exists not to train men to work in secret and dark places, and to teach them to hide things, depriving them of utility for long periods of time. Nay, rather, we teach our neophytes to say that they enter our assemblies to search for further and more light. Our Rite exists to give men light and to enable them to understand how the great central truth of Freemasonry was preserved. Our Council chambers are full of mystic light. We illustrate a deposit of a great symbol, but we do it to teach how the discoverers thereof had assurance of what it was. We labor in the light—the darkness has a beginning and an end to teach that darkness endures but for a space. We make deposits, but only for the better understanding of that which has already been brought to light, never again to be taken from the diligent craftsman.

"This is our protest against this fanciful and meaningless performance of the General Grand Council. It has served, however, to give us a thought we deem worthy of presentation to you. I suggested to our Grand Recorder that he prepare and send out as the Louisiana contribution a history of the Rite in Louisiana. He approved the suggestion, but asked that I do the work.

"I began the grateful task, and hoped to present it at this time. So far as the record of thirty-nine years is concerned, the work is done, but there are other facts of historical importance that I have not as yet been able to compass.

"I suggest that some one be empowered to prepare a history of the Cryptic Rite in Louisiana, and that the same be published in connection

with our journal this year, or the next, at the discretion of the Grand Master, duly considering the condition of our treasury."

M.·. Ill.·. HERMAN C. DUNCAN was re-elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* RICHARD LAMBERT (our old comrade of the Mexican war) was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

1895.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, for the State of Maine, assembled at Masonic Hall, in Portland, on Wednesday, the eighth day of May, A. L. 5895, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon,—*M.·. Ill.·.* ALGERNON M. ROUK, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. Ill.·.* Comp. STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are sixteen Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 2,042, all of which were represented.

The Grand Master's Address was brief, and chiefly related to business of a local nature.

The new chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, *Ill.·.* Comp. ALBRO E. CHASE, writes a good report, covering twenty-seven pages. In it he reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, but those of California were not received in time, there being but about three weeks between the meetings of our respective Grand Councils. He uses the scissors freely, and as it is his first report, and entering upon a new field, he is safe in so doing. We extend to him a cordial welcome to the corps of reviewers, among whom he will find "many men of many minds, and many minds of many kinds." But he will not find any sleeping Ahishars among them, and in his search after the truth, we trust that for him it will not be a wild goose Chase, though he may observe the broken triangle in the sky, not exclaim "*In hoc signo vinces!*"

M.·. Ill.·. ORESTES C. CROWELL was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. STEPHEN BERRY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND.

1892—1893—1894.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of Maryland, convened in its nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first Annual Assemblies, at Baltimore, as follows: On Wednesday, November 9, A. D. 1892, at 3 o'clock P. M., in the Old U. S. Court House; in the Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, November 15, A. Dep. 2893, A. D. 1893, at 3 o'clock P. M., and at the same place, on November 14, A. Dep. 2894, A. D. 1894, at 3 o'clock P. M.,—*M.·. Ill.·.* HENRY C. LARRABEE, Grand Master, continuously presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, Grand Recorder, continuously keeping the minutes of the work.

They are all working Masonic honeybees in that hive, from the Grand Master, HENRY C. LARRABEE, down, and even Ahishar is no drone there,

for even his snores are set to music, and his larynx makes a sonorous pipe.

In 1892 and 1893 the Grand Master made brief reports of his official actions, and in them of the organization by dispensation of five new Councils. In 1894, however, he gives a full and complete business-like Address, and a report of his attendance at the General Grand Council, which met at Topeka, Kansas, with a full account of its transactions, on the 21st of August, 1894. During that year he "had visited most of the subordinate Councils, and was able to report a favorable condition of the Rite" in that jurisdiction. He is a thorough active Tubal Cain in that Grand Secret Vault, and sees that the working tools are kept bright and in good working order. The lewises will all be in place, and the hoisting gear for the stones to be lifted and set in perfect form by the master builders in Ge-Baltimore. He has been ably assisted by that live companion, *Ill.·.* GRAHAM DUKEHART, Grand Lecturer, whose reports show that he, too, is a most indefatigable worker and overseer in the line of his duty.

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, the Grand Recorder, who also holds the exalted position of *M.·. E.·.* General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, an honor well deserved and an office admirably filled with dignity, ability and urbanity towards all. His report is brief, only occupying about two pages, but gives a great deal of information in a small space.

We have visited these companions at Baltimore, and with them have helped to open the pearl lined molluscan arch and place the hidden treasure in a chest in which there is abundant room for more. We have shared their truly fraternal intercourse and hospitality, and there is a feeling of friendship and brotherly love felt for those companions and brethren of "My Maryland" "that will never, *never*, NEVER die." Maryland furnished a Past Grand Master, *M.·. W.·.* CHARLES GILMORE, to organize the Grand Lodge of California, on April 19, 1850, and his portrait adorns the office of the Grand Secretary of the "Golden State."

Our comrades of the Mexican war, RINGGOLD, RIDGELEY, MAY and WATSON lie resting in the cemetery of the "Monumental City," and we paid a visit to the beds where lay their hallowed dust. Palo Alto and Monterey are there remembered, while their deeds are recorded high up on the scroll of fame and patriotic devotion in the pantheon of the nation.

But we find that memory is leading us into the sepulchre, and we must get back into the crypts not yet completed.

M.·. I.·. Comp. HENRY CLAY LARRABEE was re-elected Grand Master, and *M.·. I.·.* Comp. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

1895.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts was held in Masonic Hall, No. 2307 Washington

street, Boston (Roxbury District), on Wednesday, December 11, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

M.·. I.·. J. ALBERT BLAKE, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

[A special meeting had been held at the same place on the 19th of the previous month for the exemplification of the work.]

There are twenty-four Councils in this our native State, with a membership of 4925, all of which were represented.

The Grand Master's Address is a faithful account of his stewardship, but it is a matter of great surprise to us that he does not give any reason for the change of the place of meeting of the Grand Council in the least, when there occurred the great calamity to the Masons of all degrees in that jurisdiction of the destruction by fire of the great Masonic Temple in Boston in the last of August of that year, just after the grand assembly and parade of the Knights Templar of the whole of the United States of America. But it may be that in the "Hub" and "Athens of America" Cryptic Masons are not interested in what is above ground, so long as the nine arches remain undisturbed below. While there we saw the Temple in flames, and it was a sad sight to behold, and with a heart full of sorrow and regrets, we turned away from the ruins.

The Report on Correspondence is by *Ill.·.* Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, Grand Recorder, and covers thirty-seven pages of well-written matter. [We had a pleasant interview with him at Boston last August during Conclave week.] He devotes nearly a page to California. In conclusion, he says: "We hope that the present year will be one of great prosperity to the Councils of California and that another year we may hear of large accessions to their numbers."

M.·. I.·. J. ALBERT BLAKE was re-elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. SERANUS BOWEN re-elected Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

1895.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan held its thirty-seventh Annual Assembly in the city of Detroit, on Monday, January 14, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895, at 7 o'clock P. M., standard time.

M.·. I.·. EMERSON M. NEWELL, Grand Master, presiding, and *M.·. I.·.* GARRA B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are *sixty* Councils in this State with a membership of 3736, of which forty-nine were represented. It is a magnificent showing for the "Clear-water State," with the misnomer "Wolverine." Our Companions of Michigan are not jackals, even if they do work below ground.

The Address of the Grand Master leads off with fine thoughts in measured cadence of "words fitly spoken," and we take the following extracts worthy to be repeatedly read and treasured by all who peruse them:—

"Jointly and severally the Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction are striving for the betterment of man; with this in view our duty subjects us to efforts ennobling, elevating, and to reconcile many errors of our Companions with charitable feelings, thereby extending evidences of brotherly love, which returns to us in gratitude.

"With evidence from many sources comes glad tidings from most of our Councils in this jurisdiction of their faithful performance toward the fulfillment of our mission as Masons. Let us, therefore, bring our loftiest aspirations to our work for the purpose of making Masonry something grander and nobler than it is to-day, whereby we may work out something for the good of those who may succeed us. The past, with its struggles, efforts and achievements, lies behind us. We can profit by its lessons. The future, with its promises and anticipations, is before us, but the present is here; it is with us to utilize, to labor in and to crown with glory by our aspirations and achievements.

"With the fullness of earth's blessings, we should be prompted to remember and realize that *we* are the favored ones remaining to perpetuate and carry forward the work, as laid out on the trestle-board by the *founders* of Cryptic Masonry."

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder, and covers fifty-two pages, in which he reviews the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Jurisdictions, not including California, which he had not received. We shall hear from him in his next.

M.·. I.·. GEORGE A. CROSS was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

1895.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota held its twenty-sixth Annual Assembly in the Masonic Temple, in the city of St. Paul, on Monday, October 7, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M.

M.·. I.·. JOHN B. WEST, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are nine Councils in the "North Star" State, with a membership of 773, of which eight were represented.

The Grand Master's photo adorns the front page of the Proceedings; his high forehead and serious-looking countenance shows that he is a faithful and earnest Companion, devoted to his work. The photo of Past Grand Master WARNER is also represented, and he has an earnest, inquiring gaze, as if something particular had fixed his attention on work that required examination and would hardly pass inspection.

The Grand Master's Address is one that commends itself to the reflecting mind. It is full of wisdom and truth, from which we take the following:—

"It is true that numerically we make slow progress, but mere increase in membership is not true Masonic development. Some of the true friends of the Rite think that without prerequisition we will always be merely suffered to exist, and can never be a vital element in Masonic life. I am

of those who believe that if we deserve to succeed we will flourish without it. Forced membership is not conducive to any other than mere financial strength. A surplus in treasury, with no quorum at our meetings, will not bring the kind of success we desire and need.

"Our success must come, as our word of salutation suggests, through companionableness (sociableness). The object of the Council is not to make Masons. That has already been done elsewhere. Its province is to develop Companions out of brothers, or it has no mission. Wherein we fail, I fear, is in our valuing the forms and losing sight of the spirit of the institution. Many of the meetings in the local Councils are mere gatherings for routine business and for the election and initiation of candidates. Such meetings are always interesting and instructive to the initiates, and perhaps to the officers; but that they are so to the members of the society is not evidenced by the sure test of constant attendance at such meetings. The fact is, that initiation is but the introduction into Masonic life, and if all the time of every meeting is taken up by that which, while important, is merely prefatory, we must expect the majority of our members to attend infrequently, if at all, and to be interested in other things. The work must be done, but it must be done without sacrificing all else to it. There must be time for personal contact, for exchange of thought and experiences. Having learned what Cryptic Masonry is, we need to see its effects upon the individuals who affect it.

"We should continue in and add to our meetings all that causes the attendance of our wisest and best members, and should cut down or exclude every possible thing which is wearisome, so that there may be at each meeting a period for informal talks. We want unwilling attendance as little as we want forced membership. Make the meetings such that they will be looked forward to with interest and parted from with satisfaction, and the Council will merit and will attain success."

The Report on Correspondence is by that able, square and honest Companion THOMAS MONTGOMERY. Would that for the good of Masonry that all were like him. He reviews the Proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, including California, and his report covers thirty-eight pages of well-written matter. He gives nearly four pages to California, which is a compliment which we hardly deserve. He quotes a page from our report as to the origin of the Royal and the Select Masters' degrees. Under the head of Maine he says of the report of Comp. J. H. DRUMMOND: "Under Illinois, he gives considerable historical data in disproving of many of Companion WARVELLE'S statements as to the 'Genesis of the Royal Degree.'" And under the head of "A Review of Cryptic Masonry in the United States," by the latter, Comp. MONTGOMERY stands by the truth when he says: "Nor should it be forgotten that the degrees of Royal and Select Master were originally side degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and to this source many Grand Councils owe their existence."

M.·. I.·. A. BRANDENBURG was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Missouri, met in its thirtieth Annual Assembly, in Freemasons'

Hall, St. Louis, on Wednesday, April 24, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895, at 2 o'clock P. M.,—*M.·. Ill.·.* WILLIAM RICHARSON, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO keeping the minutes of the work.

There are nine Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 687, all of which were represented.

The Grand Master's Address is brim full of good humor and cheerfulness, and we will wager that he could set up a stove and put the pipe in place, no matter how difficult, and whistle or sing the whole of the time while doing it, without quoting from "Spoopendyke." Not only has he been an indefatigable worker, but his Address is as cheery and good natured as one could wish, and he well deserves the handsome encomium paid to him by the committee on his address, from which we take the following:—

"The thought uppermost in my mind while preparing this annual address, my illustrious companions, has been, what are the members of the Ninth Arch doing for the benefit of humanity? Representing, as we do, the so-called higher degrees, it seems to me, we ought to advance in kind deeds and words as we continue to take upon ourselves additional obligations. Our assemblies should be schools of the noblest human virtues and of the gentlest human feelings—our membership a great wreath of human kindness and love, and while we are working assiduously to build in strength, let us not forget to brighten the chain of friendship, and may the Cryptic virtues be our talisman to guide us in an example worthy of imitation toward our uninformed companions and brethren, and let it be written over the doors of our secret vault, Cryptic Masons have found the word which has made them true to their GOD, their neighbor and themselves, and as we gather yearly in these assemblies for the good of the Craft in Missouri, let us prove by our actions and deliberations that we are endeavoring to build characters which shall redound to the praise and glory of the higher degrees of ancient Craft Masonry, and at the same time have not lessened our duty to the symbolic foundation of the beautiful structure, but that in our advancement to the higher degrees we have been made better men and Masons.

"Laying aside the Templar prerequisite, the origin and date of birth of Cryptic Masonry, let us endeavor to draw our companions of the Royal Arch toward the secret vault by assuring them that the workmen upon the walls are a brotherhood of good, and those who would make this world brighter and better, and who practice the four cardinal virtues—Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, and the tenets—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and who scatter graces and good deeds along the way of life, among them charity, fellowship, justice, mercy, humanity and righteousness, and who have reached as near perfection as the human mind and heart can attain; and this will be the *best sign* to show our companions by proving to them that our lives are up to the full statute of Cryptic Masons, and then will the leaven of influence leaven the whole structure we are endeavoring to build."

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Recorder, Comp. WM. H. MAYO, and covers forty pages, of which one and a half is given to California.

M.·. Ill.·. F. A. KAGE was elected Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

1895.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of Mississippi, held its forty-first Annual Assembly, in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, in the city of West Point, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 12-13, 1895, commencing at 4 o'clock P. M.,—*M.·. Ill.·.* FREDERIC SPEED, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. J. L. POWER, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

When we take up the proceedings of Mississippi, "Fond memory brings the light of other days around us," when that distinguished Mason—Grand Master of Masons of Mississippi—belonging to all the regular rites and bodies of Masonry of that State, was our companion, General of Division, serving gallantly at Monterey, under Gen. TAYLOR, and with Gen. SCOTT, from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico, and for his skill and bravery at the storming of the Castle of Chepultepec, given the honor to lead his division into that city and raise the American flag over the "Halls of the Montezumas," where he was appointed Governor of the Capital of Mexico, it awakens memories of nearly half a century ago, when the nation and his State were honored by such a brave and brilliant representative. His mantle would seem to have fallen upon Companion SPEED, whose Address is, as usual, elequent, pathetic and chivalric in the highest Masonic sense. While we do not entirely agree with him in some matters, yet we love and appreciate him for his manly worth and virtues.

No less than twenty-three pages of the proceedings are taken up with sweet memorial tributes of affection to the memory of Comp. ROBERT BUSWELL BRANNIN, Grand Captain of the Guard, from Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery and the public press of that State. "Weep not, for behold the Lion of the Tribe of Judah hath prevailed" saith ST. JOHN the Evangelist.

M.·. Ill.·. FREDERIC SPEED was re-elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. J. L. POWER re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

1894.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Hampshire held its thirty-third Annual Assembly, in Freemasons' Hall, in the city of Concord, on Monday, May 14, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894,—*M.·. Ill.·.* JAMES C. BADGER, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eleven Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 1,336, all of which were represented.

The Grand Master's Address is a brief, business-like report of official duties well and faithfully performed, and the account given shows a healthy and prosperous condition of his charge in that jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Recorder, Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, and covers thirty-two pages. He gives California nearly a page in his cursory review, which is commendable in many respects.

M.·. Ill.·. JAMES C. BADGER was re-elected Grand Master and Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey held its thirty-seventh Annual Communication, at Masonic Hall, Trenton, on Tuesday, January 22, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895,—*M.·. Ill.·.* JOSIAH TICE, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are seven Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 428, all of which were represented.

The Grand Master's Address is a fraternal one, though his duties have not been arduous. His visitations have been limited, on account of "family afflictions, unusual cares of business, and many Masonic duties in other bodies."

Under the head of "Decisions" he says:

"In consequence of the 'altogether lovely' dispositions of the companions of this Grand Jurisdiction, peace and good will prevail among them. There has been no call for official decision, nor any grievance reported."

Considering the troubles in Cuba, this speaks well for "*Spain.*"

"The Committee on Correspondence reported by their chairman. The report was ordered to be printed." [March 25th, report not received.]

M.·. Ill.·. ISAAC LOWENSTEIN was elected Grand Master and Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

1895.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York convened in its eighty-sixth Annual Assembly in the Grand Council Room, Masonic Hall, corner Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street, in the city of New York, on Tuesday, September 3, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895, at 10 o'clock A. M.

M.·. Ill.·. GEORGE A. NEWELL, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. I.·.* GEORGE VAN VLIET, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twenty-seven Councils in this jurisdiction, but the membership is not given.

The Grand Master's Address proves that he has been an earnest worker in that Masonic hive, and we commend his admonitions therein given. He says:—

"Since our last regular Assembly another twelve months have passed, fraught with joy and sorrow, with successful endeavor and lost opportunities, with health, sickness and death.

"Time never ceases his rapid stride. As we advance in age, the seasons come and go apparently in more rapid succession.

"Many years ago, so many that the date of its birth is in dispute, this Grand Council took its beginning. It has been buffeted by adverse winds and carried along with favoring gales, has withstood boisterous waves and rode on smooth seas, until it has now reached a secure harbor whence it should send forth seeds that will increase a thousand fold.

"Such being its condition, it gives me sincere pleasure to welcome you to this Annual Assembly.

"May the spirit of zeal and devotion, manifested by those Companions who in the past have labored so earnestly for our present success, stimulate each one of us to more strenuous exertions for the greater prosperity of our loved Cryptic Rite.

"For the manifold blessings God has showered upon us during the past year it is not only our duty but a pleasure to render unto Him our grateful thanks.

"If, amid the sunshine that has beamed upon our pathway during the past year, occasional clouds have appeared bringing sorrow and death, we should be thankful that our lives have been spared for further efforts to upbuild the Cryptic Rite.

"It is not my purpose in this Address to recount the beauties of the Cryptic Degrees, nor to enumerate the lessons which may be drawn therefrom. With these you have been made acquainted at other times and in other places.

"I desire, however, to exhort you to a more attentive consideration of the necessity of devoting more zeal and energy to keep the Cryptic Rite above the possibility of failure and make it one of the best of the American system.

"It is not enough that the officers of the Grand Council be active and earnest, devoted to the cause for the maintenance of which they are elected and ready to render any assistance required.

"Upon the officers of subordinate Councils must devolve the burden of keeping the Rite in a flourishing condition. If the Master of a Council is imbued with an earnest desire for the success of his Council, if he is ready to devote even a small share of his time to enthusing his officers and Companions, there will be no such thing as failure in that Council. If on the contrary there is found lukewarmness and apathy in the head of the Council, then the body will deteriorate, and until a new Master is elected who will regard the position as worthy of labor and toil, the Council will never flourish, the subordinate officers and Companions will neglect their duties, and death will approach.

"I therefore entreat you who represent Councils to exhibit more energy and zeal, a greater enthusiasm and more devotedness to the upbuilding of your Councils, and I can promise you will in such efforts receive the hearty and willing co-operation of the officers of this Grand Council."

The Report on Correspondence is as usual by Comp. [illegible] Morris [illegible] and covers [illegible] pages of fine close-printed matter—a [illegible] we [illegible] every reason. His [illegible] is exceedingly [illegible] [illegible] which may either be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we can say this is one [illegible]

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"We would like the taking 'by the hand.' We 'shake' in spirit, and for the kind words of Comp. SHERMAN we tender our thanks. For the mistake which he refers to, in our having called him 'RICHARD' instead of EDWIN A., he must consider that it was but the commencement of the old adage, and that the writer should have added to the RICHARD the words 'is himself again.' How the mistake occurred we cannot explain. If it was ours, we *knew* better. If it was not, we can't help it. We retract, and '*Richard* is himself again,' it is 'EDWIN A.,' and shall so remain.

"If Comp. SHERMAN will look back at the position which the writer took in reference to the admission of the members of the Lodge of Perfection to the Councils, he will see that the same proviso which he now refers to was tacked upon our answer to such proposition, and that we have not receded in any respect from the position originally taken. We believe now that the suggestion was worthy of consideration, and it was entitled to a fair, candid consideration and comments, as any proposition should be received and considered which may relate to or tend to the advancement of Masonic interests. At the same time we were not then willing, nor would we be willing after further consideration, to consent to such an innovation without it went with unanimous approval as we then stated. There is considerable to be said in favor as well as against the proposition. A union of that-kind would cement in a closer tie the two different systems of Masonry, the York Rite and the A. and A. S. Rite. We do not approve of the use of harsh, ugly expressions in discussing matters of Masonic interest, and we regret that the suggestion made has brought forth anything like an acrimonious discussion amongst our Companions. As the years grow upon one, we are more inclined to endeavor to harmonize differences than to indulge in controversies.

"Right in point with this, we wish to quote from the Address of Grand Master WARNER, of Minneapolis, for 1894, the following, which is quoted by Comp. SHERMAN under his review of Minnesota, and of which he has expressed an opinion with which we fully agree:—

"'"'"Companions, such in brief is the record of a year of peace. A *few days of strife might have made more history, but less progress. By a quarter of a century of pleasant labor you have demonstrated that the Cryptic Degrees do not need to be nourished in the bosom of a Chapter, nor supported by broken reeds of prerequisition*, and now, in surrendering the gavel, that emblem of authority which you intrusted to my keeping one year ago, I thank you, one and all, not only for the honor conferred at that time, but for the friendship and brotherly love so freely manifested in all our associations."

"'There is a whole volume of truth and fact condensed in the few lines of the last paragraph, and that portion which we have placed in italics deserves to be lettered in gold.'

"Right in point with our position as before stated."

New York stands by the General Grand Master in his action towards the Grand Council of Colorado and those who organized it. The latter Grand Body is in about the same condition that a young couple were in in one of the Eastern States a good many years ago, who had fixed a date for getting married. Their friends were all there and in waiting and the feast was spread, but the parson could not get there, owing to a tremendous fall of snow, which continued several days, and the young couple got impatient as well as all their friends, and it was decided to settle the matter by pledging themselves as husband and wife to each other in the presence of

all, and they did so, all enjoying the wedding feast, and their guests wended their way to their own homes the best way they could. About a week afterwards the parson arrived and was astounded to learn that they had married themselves and were living together. He then said, "Oh! oh! that will never do, you must be married regularly;" to which they reluctantly consented, and he married them in form, saying as he had done so, "I have married you *nunc pro tunc*," but they not being versed in Latin, were always left in doubt, not knowing what that meant. We are afraid it will have to be that way with Colorado, but we do not know who the MOSES will be to herd JETHRO his father-in-law's flocks, when they are let out of the corral.

M.·. I.·. JOHN F. BALDWIN was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. GEORGE VAN VLIET re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA.

1894.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina held its Annual Assembly in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Charlotte, on Thursday, May 10, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894, and was opened in Ample Form.

D.·. I.·. M.·. JAMES SOUTHGATE as Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. JAMES C. MUNDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Three little, despairing Councils were represented.

The Deputy Grand Master addressed the Grand Council, saying: "That inasmuch as the Grand Council had been dormant for years and this was a meeting for reorganization, there were no reports from the Grand Officers."

The Grand Council then proceeded to an election of Grand Officers, and they were immediately afterwards installed by Past Grand Master H. H. MUNSON.

A motion that that Grand Council surrender the degrees of Royal and Select Masters to the Grand Chapter, provided the Grand Chapter would receive them, was, on motion, deferred to the next Annual Convention.

M.·. I.·. JAMES SOUTHGATE was elected Grand Master, and Comp. JAMES C. MUNDS elected Grand Recorder.

1895.

This Grand Council met at the city of Durham, on Friday, May 17, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

M.·. I.·. JAMES SOUTHGATE, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. JAMES C. MUNDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

The Grand Master's Address is a hopeful one and encouraging to the Companions in that jurisdiction, who are few indeed, numbering but three chartered Councils, with a membership of but sixty-nine. A dispensation had been granted for a Council at Charlotte, and he is as pleased with it a young married couple with their first baby. He says:—

"Much has been said and written in regard to incorporating the Cryptic Degrees with those of the Chapter, but only in a few States are these degrees so placed, and in one or two it is now a question of a few years only when they will be given up and allowed to return to their own Councils, where they rightfully belong.

"I have been favorably impressed with the disposition of the Council in one Grand Jurisdiction where it has not been merged into but made appendant to the Chapter. After the Chapter is closed, the Council is immediately opened, and the work of the Council proceeded with, just as in the case of passing from one degree to another in Lodge or Chapter. The plan seems to work charmingly, and if our Chapters would agree to thus assist the Councils we could soon have strength enough to work independently. I trust some such scheme may be considered at this meeting to carry out this or some other plan to arouse the members of the Cryptic Rite to greater interest and larger growth. We may be considered the lowest on the roll of Grand Councils in the United States, and this should stimulate us to greater diligence and a livelier interest."

A number of Royal Arch Companions being desirous of receiving the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees, and not being able to obtain them at their homes, upon petition the Grand Council conferred the degrees upon them.

M.·. I.·. JAMES SOUTHGATE was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. JAMES C. MUNDS was re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

1895.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Ohio held its sixty-fifth Annual Assembly, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Masonic Temple, at Cleveland, September 10, 1895, A. Dep. 2895, at 10 o'clock A. M.,—*M.·. Ill.·.* LEWIS M. LEA, Grand Master, presiding, and *R.·. I.·.* Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are fifty Councils in this jurisdiction, all of which were represented.

The Grand Master's Address and report is full and complete of his administration during his term of office, and which has been satisfactory to his jurisdiction generally.

M.·. I.·. JOHN S. WHITE was elected Grand Master, and Comp. WILLIAM E. EVANS re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON.

1895.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Oregon convened in its tenth Annual Assembly, at Corvallis, on April 3, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

M.·. I.·. ASA L. TYLER presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. SETH L. POPE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Three Councils were represented. Membership, 184; net gain of twelve.

The Grand Master's Address referred chiefly to local affairs, among which was the voluntary offer of a foreign Companion to take some of his official duties off from his hands, as per the following:—

"About the 1st of December I received a communication from Comp. GEORGE C. KENYON, claiming authority to institute Councils in territory under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council, by virtue of a permission from that body to do such work, asking for my dispensation authorizing him to institute a Council of Royal and Select Masters at Pendleton, Oregon."

We congratulate the Grand Council of Oregon in having so faithful an officer to maintain its local sovereignty and dignity.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. I.·. T. M. HURLBURT was elected Grand Master, and *Ill.·.* Comp. SETH L. POPE re-elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

1893.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of South Carolina convened in its thirty-fourth Annual Assembly, in Masonic Temple, Charleston, S. C., Tuesday, February 14, 1893, at 9:30 A. M.,—*M.·. Ill.·.* S. S. BUIST, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are eight Councils in this jurisdiction, of which seven were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is a pleasing and encouraging one, from which we take the following:

"In our own State, I am pleased to inform you that the Rite has taken no step backward during the past year. In fact, there seems to be a deeper interest awakened, and many of our Councils have done remarkably well. A year ago many found it difficult to obtain quorums at their assemblies, but by reason of the zeal and energy of a few faithful companions their membership has increased largely, and a new lease of life given to them; and if the same interest is taken during the next few years, our State can look with pride upon its record.

"If Cryptic Masonry fails in this State, it will be in consequence of our own faults, and not by reason of its beautiful ritual, its inherent strength, or the principles it inculcates. Its honor, its prosperity and its fair name are, therefore, entrusted to your keeping. Be true to yourselves. A strict and faithful observance of its high principles, at all times and under all circumstances, will alone insure continued life and prosperity."

M.·. Ill.·. F. T. WILHITE was elected Grand Master and Comp. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS re-elected Grand Recorder.

1894.

This Grand Council met at the same place, in its thirty-fifth Annual Session, on Tuesday, February 13, 1894, at 9:30 A. M.,—*M.·. Ill.·.* F. T. WILHITE, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS keeping the minutes of the work.

Only five Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's Address shows a spirit of interest and diligence in the welfare of the Rite in that jurisdiction which is praiseworthy and deserving. The "Palmetto State" has only to use her palms, make them into fans, and she will easily raise the wind and create a breeze that will waft her on to prosperity and success.

We take the following from his Address:—

"It is not necessary to say that the condition of the Rite in South Carolina is not what we would have it, and still, while there is great apathy in our Order, there are indications of a more prosperous year before us, but no great revival of the work can or will come to us as long as the apparent indifference exists in our membership. We need something to inspire us with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. It would indeed be gratifying if some means could be adopted to increase our membership and place us in a good healthy condition, so that at our next Annual Assembly a much better report could be given than at present.

"While the past year has been an uneventful one in the history of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, we can find much to encourage us by looking over the proceedings of other Grand Councils."

A brief Report on Correspondence of two pages was presented by Comp. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS.

M.·. Ill.·. H. C. MOSES was elected Grand Master and Comp. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS re-elected Grand Recorder.

1895.

This Grand Council met in its thirty-sixth Annual Assembly, at the same place, on Tuesday, February 12, 1895, at 9:30 A. M.,—*M.·. Ill.·.* H. C. MOSES, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS keeping the minutes of the work.

Six Councils were represented.

The Grand Master delivered a fine Address, which shows that he was active in the interests of his jurisdiction. In conclusion, he pays a just tribute to his assistants, Comp. G. T. BERG, for writing the history of the Cryptic Rite in that State, and Comp. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Grand Recorder, in which he says:—

"I cannot close this report without paying a slight tribute to our Grand Recorder. For over thirty years I have been associated with different Masonic bodies, and nearly all that time intimately with the secretaries of the different Grand Bodies. I have never been thrown in contact with a more efficient, courteous and painstaking secretary than our present Grand Recorder. He promptly reports all the business that comes through his office; no delays; tells what he has done; suggests what his duty in the matter is, and keeps up with his work. I have found his services invaluable, and take this method of showing my appreciation thereof. May he long continue to report our proceedings.

"And now, companions, I return you the gavel, the emblem of my authority. May the coming year prove a 'White Stone' year in the history of Cryptic Masonry in South Carolina; may the temporal affairs of every companion be bettered, and may each and every one of us daily improve in peace and virtue, and may GOD shower his choicest blessings upon us."

We wish the Grand Council of South Carolina and its subordinates prosperity and success. We well remember seeing the "Palmetto Regiment," under Colonel BUTLER, from that State, storming the heights of Chapultepec, on the 13th of September, 1847, charging side by side with Col. BURNETT's Second Regiment of New York Volunteers, and planting their flags together on the parapet of that fortress. Capt. BLANDING, one of that regiment, we laid away here in California but a few years ago, and the flag of that regiment is still here in the possession of his family. Hence, we have a warm feeling of friendship for South Carolina, for our dearest Masonic friend, who was a native of Charleston, Comp. ALBERT G. MACKEY, whom we loved as a father, and sat, as it were, at his feet to learn our lessons in Masonry.

M.·. Ill.·. CHARLES F. PARKIN, M. D., was elected Grand Master and Comp. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

1895.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Tennessee convened in its forty-fifth Annual Assembly, at Freemasons' Hall, in the city of Nashville, on Monday, January 28, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895,—*M.·. Ill.·.* T. O. MORRIS, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. W. A. CLENDENNING, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are sixteen Councils in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 504, of which eleven were represented.

The Grand Master's Address is chiefly devoted to pronouncing eulogies upon the memories of the companions who have crossed over the river.

He speaks of the placid state of the Craft in Tennessee as follows:—

"Peace has prevailed throughout all our jurisdiction, at least I presume so, as not a question has been asked me during my whole term; not a ripple has marred the placid surface of Cryptic Masonry; that the Councils still live I know by the returns to our Grand Recorder and your presence here to-day. This quietude I must attribute to the hard times, all being so poor that they cannot even raise a disturbance."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. JAMES G. AYDELOTT was elected Grand Master and Comp. WILLIAM A. CLENDENNING re-elected Grand Recorder.

1896.

This Grand Council convened in its forty-sixth Annual Assembly, at the same place, on Monday, January 27, A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896,—*M.·. Ill.·.* JAMES G. AYDELOTT, Grand Master, presiding, and Comp. WILLIAM A. CLENDENNING, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

Eleven Councils were represented. Gain in membership, three during the year.

The Grand Master's Address is of the same character as his immediate predecessor, and he leads us under the weeping willows also.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M.·. Ill.·. JOHN M. SEARS was elected Grand Master and Comp. WILLIAM A. CLENDENNING re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

1895.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont convened in its forty-second Annual Assembly in the hall of *Burlington* Council, No. 5, R. and S. M., in the city of Burlington, on Tuesday, the 11th day of June, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

M.·. I.·. ERWIN O. HUBBARD, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.* Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There are twenty Councils with a membership of 1,082 in this jurisdiction, of which sixteen were represented.

M.·. Ill.·. MYRON J. HORTON was elected Grand Master and *Ill.·.* Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS re-elected Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON.

1895.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Washington was opened in its first Assembly in Masonic Hall, city of Tacoma, in Ample Form, June 5, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

M.·. I.·. HENRY L. KENNAN, Grand Master, presiding, and *Ill.·.* Comp. EDWARD R. HARE, Grand Recorder, keeping the minutes of the work.

There was no Address from the Grand Master, nor any Report from Comp. HARE, the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, the reasons for which being that the "Northwest State" has just placed its star in the constellation of Grand Councils and the last, the youngest, most vigorous infant HERCULES that we have known in Cryptic Masonry; and we welcome it into the fold with the warmest greeting, for so many of the companions are our personal friends and acquaintances.

That youngest jurisdiction starts out with *seven* subordinate Councils, with a membership of 182, *Spokane* Council, No. 4, leading with 42 members. We visited that Council in November, 1894, and were most cordially greeted by its then Thrice Illustrious Master, Comp. HENRY L. KENNAN, who we are pleased to see has been rewarded for his earnest devotion, energy and zeal by being elected the first *Most Ill.·.* Grand Master of that jurisdiction.

As the Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, he presented a Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations, which was adopted by the Convention and under which that Grand Council was organized, embracing 142 sections covering twenty-six pages which meets every case, every question, and "which every one who runs may read and govern himself accordingly."

Paramount allegiance to the General Grand Council in that jurisdiction is not "a rope of sand." Attraction, cohesion and pressure from Washington material will make it a bar of adamantine stone holding the Grand Arches in their proper places and key them together.

Success to Washington and prosperity to all the Councils, both Grand and subordinates, and to all the companions of that jurisdiction!

CONCLUSIONS.

The question of "Prerequisition" has ceased to be discussed or recommended, as the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar has refused to adopt any such requirement, and the Cryptic Rite must stand alone on its foundation and merits, instead of being like a turkey-chicken trying to find cover under and be brooded by an unwilling peacock or ostrich hen. That question is now forever settled.

When we suggested that the Councils of Royal and Select Masters be opened to receive members of the Lodge of Perfection of the A. and A. S. Rite—as they originally were and attached to as side bodies, with its degrees appendant thereto—it met with a storm of opposition arising from ignorance and prejudice. As the Cryptic Rite now stands upon its own basis, the suggestion to strengthen it by that method is no longer a matter of discussion; but that it was a reasonable proposition at the time is beyond question, as the following action taken by the convention which took the preliminary steps to organize the General Grand Council in June, 1872, will show. The following report from the committee was adopted:—

"WHEREAS, In some jurisdictions the question has been mooted of surrendering the Cryptic Degrees to the Chapters; and,

"WHEREAS, There are many Companions who have received the degrees in Chapters, *or from Sovereign Inspectors of the A. and A. Rite*, therefore,

"*Resolved*, That in the sense of this convention, the Cryptic Degrees should be under the exclusive jurisdiction of Grand Councils, and that no one should be recognized as a Companion of this Rite who has not received the degrees in a lawfully-constituted Council, *or by authority of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite previous to this date*, or been lawfully healed." (The italics are ours.)

Scottish Rite Companions were then duly recognized and included with the rest as being legitimate; and if they were so then when they organized the General Grand Council, then the Rite being weak and tottering upon its legs, it could have received auxilliary support from the loins of the mother from which it sprung. The Order of the Temple would not adopt it or even foster it, much less require it to be obligatory to pass under the nine arches to reach the horse-block to mount the Crusaders' saddles.

Comp. DRUMMOND was the president of that convention which organized the General Grand Council, of which he was elected and installed General Grand Master.

The controversy all around the Masonic horizon, as to the origin of the Cryptic Degrees, which assumed so acrimonious and bitter a character, no one regrets more than ourself. We have defended our dead brethren —

PIKE, MACKAY, and other personal friends — maintained the truth of history, sustained by the long-established proofs in relation to the Cryptic Rite, and in doing so have been compelled to resist the onslaughts of iconoclasts within the Temple, who have been more dangerous than the original fifteen conspirators in the legend of the Third Degree. These attacks have been made in the main by younger men possessed of zeal without knowledge, while some would write themselves into notoriety by attacking the reputations of the most distinguished Masons and historians for veracity who ever lived and who are unable to reply, for they are wrapt in the cerements of the grave. Some of these younger men are not altogether to blame.

Comp. DRUMMOND, so eminent a Mason as he is, has been of opposite opinions and frequently led these younger men into error by his shifting. Finally he said in 1894:—

"But time and further examination have only confirmed us in the opinion, expressed in 1870, that these were originally side degrees of the A. and A. S. Rite, and therefore one possessor of them had the right to confer them as any other possessor of them, subject only to the limitations of their ritual.

"We are compelled to say, also, that he (WARVELLE) writes very inaccurately in relation to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Comp. WARVELLE is in error in assuming that Bro. JOHN J. J. GOURGAS first claimed in 1850 that the Supreme Council [Northern] had jurisdiction over these degrees. It is true that he had that Supreme Council so declare for the first time in 1850, but he had long before claimed that these degrees belonged to the Supreme Council in documents now in the archives. He bitterly denounced LOWNDES for going over to the enemy and taking sundry degrees with him.

"He (WARVELLE) quotes our reply to the 'bear's' argument, and in reply submits the old argument, which, when boiled down, comes to this, *that the Grand Council of Illinois prefers to have its own way, rather than promote the interest of Cryptic Masonry.*"

Comp. DRUMMOND has now retired from the field of reviewers, but in his last paragraph, above cited, strikes the key-note of the nature and disposition of WARVELLE, and time will prove its correctness.

We do not care when these degrees were made or who made them, but the truth of history still remains as to the original authority over them, and as long as the names of ALBERT PIKE and ALBERT G. MACKAY and others remain emblazoned on the scroll in the pantheon of the Temple of Freemasonry there will still glow in radiant, hallowed light above them "*Magna est Veritas et Prevalebit,*" which no defaming scribbler can erase, though he may fill his sponge with ink or use the quill from the tail feathers of a buzzard.

The controversy as to this question has now ceased, and if there is any further light to be thrown upon it, it will have to come up out of the ashes of the consumed records of the Southern Supreme Council destroyed by the fire of the bursting of the shells from the "Swamp Angel." The past is secure, the present with us, and the unknown future beyond the

Ninth Arch, we shall not yet attempt to penetrate. We shall get there soon enough, without becoming an intruder.

1.

"Creep into thy narrow bed.
Creep and let no more be said,
Vain thy onset! All stands fast.
Thou thyself must break at last.

2.

"Let the long contention cease!
Geese are swans, and swans are geese.
Let them have it how they will!
Thou are tired; best be still.

3.

"They out talked thee, hissed thee, tore thee?
Better men fared thus before thee;
Fired their ringing shot and pass'd,
Hotly charged and sank at last.

4.

"Charge once more, then, and be dumb!
Let the victors when they come,
When the forts of folly fall,
Find thy body by the wall."

But we think that there is something better than all this; the tender grass and sweet flowers now grow on former fields of carnage where truth was victor and error vanquished, though men fought bravely, each contending for what he deemed was right. They fought the living not the dead, and knightly honor spread their gory bed. Let the sermon on the Mount penetrate all the arches from above, and the dead past bury its dead.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

EDWIN A. SHERMAN,
Chairman of the Committee.

The Grand Master announced the election of Grand Officers as the next business in order, and having appointed Companions CHARLES HAPGOOD and CHARLES LORD FIELD to act as tellers, the election proceeded with the following result:—

The *M.*·. *Ill.*·. WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS was elected Grand Master.

The *R.*·. *Ill.*·. HENRY ASCROFT was elected Deputy Grand Master.

The *R.*·. *Ill.*·. ROBERT ASH was elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Works.

The *R.*·. *Ill.*·. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY was elected Grand Treasurer.

The *R.*·. *Ill.*·. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Council was then called off until half-past 1 o'clock this afternoon.

In Grand Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
Monday, April 20, Anno Dep. 2896.

The Grand Council was called on at half-past 1 o'clock, the Grand Master presiding.

Comp. WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the following report, which was adopted:—

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances are pleased to report that no appeals or grievances of any kind have been submitted to them for consideration.

WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,
CHARLES HAPGOOD,
HENRY ASCROFT,
} *Committee.*

Comp. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, from the Committee on Finances and Returns, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California:—

Your Committee on Finances and Returns beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and find them correct.

We find the accounts correctly kept, and the sum of five hundred and ninety-two dollars and forty-five cents ($592.45) in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

Grand Recorder's salary	$125 00
Grand Sentinel's salary	7 50
Grand Organist's salary	7 50
Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence	65 00
Contingent expenses, Grand Recorder's office	40 00
Printing proceedings	200 00
Expenses of Grand Master to visit subordinate Councils	150 00
	$595 00

Fraternally submitted.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,
THOMAS KYLE,
ROBERT ASH,
} *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in, and the appropriations were ordered as recommended.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Grand Master, presented the following report:—

To the M.·. I.·. Grand Council of California :—

Your committee on address of the *M.·. Ill.·.* Grand Master have given that interesting paper such consideration as the brief time at their disposal would permit.

We regret with the Grand Master his inability to meet the Companions in their respective Councils and give them the benefit which always follows the visits of a Grand Officer in the infusion of new life and energy in any Masonic body.

The year has not been one to be marked with a "white stone" in the history of this Grand Body. Our numbers have not increased and we can only hope the future has in store for the Cryptic Rite in California such prosperity as the excellent tenets of its rituals enjoin and its impressive ceremonials deserve.

We recommend that the official acts of the Grand Master in the appointment of Grand Representatives reported by him and in the issuance of a dispensation for the forming and opening of a Council of Royal and Select Masters at Auburn, Placer County, be approved.

The Grand Master in remembering our absent Companions who have passed to their eternal rest, has paid an eloquent and well deserved tribute to one of our own kindred and brethren, our beloved Comp. WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, and we recommend that so much of the address as refers to the illustrious dead of our own and sister jurisdictions be referred to a Special Committee, that proper record be made in our proceedings and the sympathy of this Grand Council be extended to those who mourn the loss of devoted Companions.

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IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF

M.·. I.·. William Caldwell Belcher,

Who was born in the town of Stockbridge, in the State of Vermont, on the twelfth day of December, 1820;

And who died in the city of San Francisco, State of California, on the first day of September, 1895.

HE HAD BEEN

Master of Corinthian Lodge, No. 69, F. & A. M.

Thrice Ill. Master of Marysville Council, No. 3, R. & S. M.

Commander of Marysville Commandery, No. 7, K. T.

Grand Master of Masons of California from 1862 to 1865,

AND

GRAND MASTER

Of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of California.

"When you come where I have stepped,
You will wonder why you wept;
You will know, by wise love taught,
That here is all and there is naught."

RETURNS

OF THE

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA.

A. D. 1896, A. Dep. 2896.

SACRAMENTO COUNCIL, No. 1.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Stated Meetings, last Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

David Farr, *Illustrious Master*, William Buckley Davis, *Recorder*,
Louis Cyrus Schindler, *Dep. Ill. Mast.* William Domer Shonefelt, *Capt. of G.*,
Charles Richard Goss, *P. Con. of W.*, William Hewson Davis, *Conductor*,
William Monroe Petrie, *Treasurer*, Thomas Maria Bittancourt, *Steward*,
Joel Osgood Wilder, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Powell Samuel Lawson, *P. G. M.*,
William Monroe Petrie, *P. G. M.*,
John William Rock, *P. G. M.*,
Cornelius Kellogg,
Joseph Davey,
Edwin Glover,
John Hurley,
William Hewson Davis,
Harry Ingham,
Richard Vaughan,
Richard Palmer Burr,
Clive William Porter,
Alexander John Gardiner.

SELECT MASTERS:

Abbott, Augustus
Alexander, Robert
Alltucker, Henry
Andrews, John Nichols
Baldwin, William Hedges
Birdsall, Frederick Wheeler
Block, Maurice
Boyd, John Walter
Breuner, John
Breuner, Louis Frederick
Burchard, James Philo
Burnett, Augustus
Burnham, James Henry
Bush, George Thomson
Carroll, Edgar Barclay
Carroll, Harry Winans
Caswell, Thomas Hubbard
Champlin, Nelson
Chapman, Bernard Henry
Chapman, George Warren

Chrisman, Elmer Judson
Church, William Smithers
Clark, Jerome Franklin
Cohn, Edward Francis
Coleman, Edward
Conaway, George Winfield
Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin
Coppersmith, Michael Thos.
Cothrin, William Kip
Crocker, Henry Smith
Cunningham, John Austin
Dale, Richard
Davis, James Gilliland
Decker, Horace Washington
Dennery, Alphonse
Denson, Samuel Crawford
Dierssen, George Ernest August
Dixon, William Henry
Dresbach, William
Dresher, Valentine
Eilers, Theodore George
Eppinger, Herman
Ettlinger, Bernard
Fay, Newton Murray
Flemming, Frank
Flye, Charles Eben
Forbes, Robert
Foster, James Stewart
Fox, Thomas
Foye, William Robinson Smith
Frahm, Claus
Frates, Frank
Frazer, Thomas
Frazer, Henry Carpenter
Frommelt, Hugo
Frost, Amos Locke
Gable, Harvey Clinton
Gagnon, Alfred
Gallatin, Albert
Gardner, Charles Francis
George, Wilbur Forest
Gerber, William Emil
Gett, William Andrew, Jr.
Gillis, Dougald
Graham, Louis Edgar
Gray, Alexander Isaac
Gray, Arthur Irvine
Gregory, Eugene Julius
Gregory, Frank
Gruhler, John
Guthrie, John William
Hale, Evert Wilburn
Hale, Marshall, Jr.
Hale, Prentis Cobb
Hall, Thomas Bertram
Hamilton, William Brown
Hammer, Mosheim Schmucker
Haskell, Dudley Haines
Hatch, Wilbur Mark
Hayward, Alvinza
Heilbron, Adolph
Heilbron, Henry August
Heisen, Charles, Jr.
Heintzelman, Taylor Washington
Herzog, Philip
Hevener, William Henry
Hollister, Dwight
Hoover, Benjamin Vanzandt
Hopkins, Edwin Carmi
Howell, Sidney Algernon
Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Hubbs, Anthony
Huggins, Henri Tyler
Hyman, Daniel
Irvine, Richard Cutrer
Jackson, William Franklin
Johnson, Hiram Warren
Johnston, Alfred J.
Johnston, William
Jones, William Rowland
Just, John Peter
Ketcham, Marvin Alonzo
Knights, William Durrant
Knights, William Rudd
Knox, William Frederick
Lawson, Walter Brokaw
LeMay, Victor
Levison, Jacob
Lewis, Samuel Amanzo
Lightner, Bonus

Little, Christopher
Luhrs, Charles August
Lyon, Edward
Lufkins, Harry Tileston
Marzen, Joseph, Jr.
McArthur, John
McCune, Henry Ewalt
McGlashan, Charles Fayette
McKee, Edwin Hervey
McKee, James Anderson
McLaughlin, William
Meister, August
Menke, Anton
Miller, William Buchanan
Mills, James Edgar
Morrison, James Mathew
Nathan, Samuel
Nelson, Clarence Newton
Nevis, Manuel Silva
Nichols, Arthur Lombard
Ochsner, John
Olney, Cephas Charles
O'Neil, James
Ottman, Gilbert Almon
Pacheco, Romualdo
Peterson, William Frederick
Phillips, Louis
Pike, John Elias Tucker
Platt, Philemon Eli
Prouty, William Harrison
Rego, Edward Sutherland
Reid, Thomas Benton
Richards, John
Rohrer, Frederick William
Runyon, Solomon
Schroth, John George
Scheunert, Carl Emil
Scott, Thomas James
Sheldon, William Chauncey
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Thomas
Stanley, Leander
Steffens, Joseph
Steinman, Bernard Ulmer
Stephens, John Dickson
Stevenson, Henry Llewellyn
Stober, Frederick Conrad
Sweany, John
Taverner, George
Tufts, Albert Currier
Ulp, Alfred
Van Fleet, William Carey
Variel, Robert Henry Fauntleroy
Vermilya, Abram John
Webster, Joseph Richard
Welch, Benjamin
Welch, George Drake
Whitelaw, John
White, George Amos
Willis, Evander Berry
Winterburn, George Howard
Wood, William
Woodburn, Charles Gabriel
Woodburn, James
Young, John Nelles—195.

WITHDRAWN:

Bisbee, John Gould
Coker, Gould Carlton
Curtis, Henry Chittenden
Delano, Ira Lemuel
Fulweiler, John Mathias
Lardner, William Bronsen
Lubeck, David Wlademer
Martin, Charles
Neff, Jacob Hart
Roberts, Robert William
Smith, Benjamin Franklin
Todd, Thomas Milton—12.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Brown, Byron Bradley
Butler, Stephen William
Ferguson, William Redmond
Hunt, John Alexander
Ross, Henry Ackson—5.

DIED:

Bergevin, Nelson Langevin
Bronner, George Frederick
Coleman, Timothy
Frank, Samuel
Harris, David
Hatch, James Darrow
Hull, Joseph
Stevens, Charles Henry—8.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report....211
Greeted..... 9—220.
Withdrawn 12
Suspended for N. P. D 5
Died 8
Now borne upon the roll ... 195—220.

CALIFORNIA COUNCIL, No. 2.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Robert Ash, *Th. Ill. Master*,
Benj. Franklin Jellison, *D. Ill. M.*,
Joseph Gardner Baston, *P. C. of W.*,
Charles Lord Field, *Treasurer*,
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Thomas Kyle, *P. G. M.*,
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George Penlington,
Edward Potter Cressey,
Henry Ascroft,
Robert Ash.

SELECT MASTERS:

Allen, Richard Spicer
Anthony, Edward Taylor
Armstrong, George Robert
Atkinson, Thomas Thompson
Baker, Charles Henry
Baldwin, Alfred Walton
Barclay, Robert Henry
Bassett, Charles Follen
Baum, David Andrew
Baum, Simon
Benedict, Courtland Smith
Birch, William Henry
Black, Howard
Bliss, Charles
Blossom, Henry Eckford
Bone, Charles
Bonney, Charles Sumner
Bragg, Robert
Broder, Robert Chidley
Bromley, George Tisdale
Browell, Jeremiah
Brown, Henry Adams
Brown, William Graham
Bruce, James Henderson
Bruce, William Young
Bunker, Robert Elmer
Burns, Henry Bernhard
Callinan, William
Campbell, Lucien Daniel
Campbell, Vernon

Campbell, Walter Chauncey
Carr, John George
Chesley, Charles Palmer
Christian, Ceasar
Christiansen, Jacob
Christie, James Alexander
Clark, George Dickson
Clark, John Franklin
Clifford, James Benjamin
Clingman, George Evans
Code, Philip *D*
Cole, Richard Beverly
Coleman, William Warren
Cressy, Albert
Crim, William Henry
Crocker, Charles Frederic
Crocker, Henry Joseph
Crocker, William Henry
Culver, James Henry
Curry, John
Curtis, John Morrison
Dall, Peter Peterson
Davis, Henry Harvey
Davis, Jacob Zeigler
Davis, Winfield Scott
Day, Thomas Henry
Dean, Peter
Decker, Charles William
Dietterle, George
Dobler, Charles
Dominguez, Richard Arthur
Doud, Aaron
Dougherty, Charles Medley
Dragomanovich, Spiro *S G*
Duncan, Benjamin Beatty
Dunn, James
Dunne, James Patrick
Easton, Wendell
Eckart, William Roberts
Eddy, Richard *A*
Edgar, Dan Joseph
Edmondson, John George
Eisner, Milton Sidney
Elias, Edward
Elliot, Charles Emery
Ellis, Benjamin
Evans, Joseph John
Ewing, James Stanley
Filkins, Charles Wesley
Firth, Joseph Kirk
Fisher, Henry
Flint, Thomas
Flint, Thomas, Jr.
Foster, Arthur William
Frenzel, Godman August
Frolich, Theodore
Gamble, Samuel
Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Geil, Samuel Franklin
Getz, Marcus
Giles, Frederick *N*
Godley, Montgomery
Goodban, Francis Edward
Grauerholz, Henry John
Gray, John Hatfield
Green, Charles Ernest
Griffin, John Wesley
Griffiths, Thomas Hamlyn
Haas, David Leopold
Hale, Reuben Brooks
Hall, Robert
Hallett, Alonzo
Halsted, James LaFayette
Hammond, Samuel Chester
Hare, Elias *C*
Hatch, Augustus Timothy
Hatch, James Henry
Hauxhurst, Samuel Weeks
Hellwig, Christian
Highton, Henry Edward
Hildebrandt, Carsten
Hobbs, John Kemble Carlton
Hoffman, Harry Nathaniel
Holden, Samuel Emery
Hopkins, Timothy
Horn, Bernard Jeremiah
Horton, Thomas Rotch
Howes, Cyrus Pierce
Hubbard, Henry Calvin
Huested, Orson Justus

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Dorn, Marcellus Americus
Douglas, George Willard
Driffield, Vero Carus
Edelman, Charles
Edwards, Hugh Pugh
Everett, Daniel Henry
Farrell, Edward
Field, Alfred Bishop
Fiske, Henry Mortimer
Folger, George Edwin
Fox, John *G*
Gagnon, Michael
Gallagher, John Patrick
Graham, William Findley
Hammond, Andrew Benoni
Jones, William Roderick
Kerr, David
Knight, Edmund Ewell
Kohn, Isaack
Lane, William Edmund
Lawson, Andrew
Lazelle, Henry Daniel
Levy, Isidore Nathan
Levy, Joseph
Lind, Charles
Loane, Francis Marion
Logan, Thomas Emerson
Lo Presti, Anthony
Lux, Frank Antoin
Magnin, Simson
Manheim, Henry Simon
Martinez, Francis Nich. Raoul
McFarland, Abel
McKay, Thomas
McLea, Arthur
McNab, James
Mecklenberg, Joseph
Meigs, John *J*
Meyer, Julius
Moore, Arthur Weld
Morrow, William *W*
Morshead, John White
Neal, George Folger
Nixon, James Henry
Popham, James William
Redmond, Michael Francis
Ridgway, Frazier
Robertson, William Alexander
Ross, Donald
Sanborn, Albion Irving
Sexton, Warren
Shattuck, Charles Curtis
Smith, William Frederick
Stark, William Alexander
Stern, Louis
Swannack, Daniel
Tait, William Cave
Trainor, Louis Howard
Troppmann, Charles Martin
Tuohy, John
Walker, James Greig
Walker, Robert Andrew
Ward, William
Weller, Henry Olp
Wilson, John McFarland—87.

EXCLUDED:

Sheldon, George Edwin—1.

DIED:

Brinckerhoff, Herman
Coleman, Carlton Chinn
Edwards, Henry
Eklund, John Peter
Ewen, Oliver
Fargo, Jerome Bonaparte
Hansen, Carl Christian Antonin
Locke, Isaac Stanwood
McCullough, Henry Van Schaick
Plouf, John Eli
Young, William—11.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report...	371	Withdrawn	17
Greeted	7	Suspended for N. P. D.....	87
Restored	1—379.	Excluded	1
		Died	11
		Now borne upon the roll...	263—379.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Marysville, Yuba County.

Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Charles Hapgood, *Th. Ill. Master*, Francis Wm. Howard Aaron, *Rec'rdr*
Frank *B* Miller, *D. Ill. Master*, Albert Julius Menz, *C. of G.*,
William Andrew Lowery, *P.C. of W'ks*, John George McLellan, *Conductor*,
Alexander Cameron Irwin, *Treasurer*, Gavin Walker Hutchins, *Steward*.
Amos Fisher, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Holcombe Rhees,
Charles *E* Stone,
Atkins Clark Bingham,
Meyer *A* Marcuse,
Andrew Jackson Binney,
Charles Milton Patterson,
Lemuel Trescott Crane.

SELECT MASTERS:

Asher, Alexander Branch
Ayer, Leonard Barnard
Baxter, John
Belknap, F. G.
Berry, James McConnell
Blackburn, George *W*
Brown, Josiah Perkins
Burchard, John Luther
Burner, Henry
Carpenter, George Washington
Clements, William Andrew
Cohn, Isaac Giballe
Crew, Alexander Hill
Deaner, Samuel Christian
Dobbins, Thomas
Duncan, John Lewis
Eastman, James Fred
Ellis, William Turner
Elwell, William
Engle, Peter
Ewell, Samuel
Fagan, Edward
Faulkner, Charles
Fimbreath, Arthur Francis
Fisher, Charles Lester
Goad, William Frank
Gribner, George Thomas
Griffith, Irwin
Hauss, Ferdinand
Haynes, James
Hochstadter, Simon
Hunter, William
Hutchins, Thomas Boyd
Kernan, Thomas Hugh
Knight, David Edgar
Krause, Frederick Low
Lee, Ortis Frederick
Leining, John Henry
Lewek, Solomon
Logan, Anderson Dabney

Marcuse, Marcus
McFarlane, James Clark
Miller, Arthur Gardner
Molineux, Henry
Mould, William
Nelson, William Harvey
Patterson, George
Peacock, James Richard
Peacock, William Flint
Peck, William Francis
Peters, Joseph
Reece, Thomas White
Rideout, Norman Dunning
Roberts, John Henry
Rogers, Samuel Josiah Smith
Sanborn, Miles Edward
Saye, George Marion
Schuler, Conrad
Seely, John Ambrose
Skinner, Randolph Whitney
Slingsby, William
Spencer, Stephen
Stafford, William Henry
Stone, Lewis Charles
Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Vanderwarker, Abner *K*
Webb, Charles Augustus
White, Amasa Willey
Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Woodworth, Homer Allen—86.

DIED:

Belcher, William Caldwell
Falk, Herman
Morgan, Emanuel Briggs—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....89
Died..... 3
Now borne upon the roll ....86—89.

SONORA COUNCIL, No. 5.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

Stated Meetings, Friday of or next preceding Full Moon.

OFFICERS:

Frank Wilson Street, *Th. Ill. Master*, Charles Edward Street, *Recorder*,
Tryon Milton Yancey, *Dep. Ill. Mas.*, James Edgar Requa, *Capt. of Guards*
Eduard Keil, *Prin. Con. of Works.*, Alonzo Colby, *Conductor*,
John Mundorf, *Treasurer*, Charles Henry Burden, *Steward*,
Abraham Barlow, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edward Lang,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers.
James Bell,
Frank Wilson Street.

SELECT MASTERS:

Brown, Gurdon
Calhoun, Henry Clay
Conrad, Frederick
Eastman, William White
Gould, Elisha Toman
Hampton, Joseph Moore
Hender, Thomas Arthur Stiles
Johnson, Andrew Porter
Long, Wilbur
Long, William Giles
Matthews, James
Mitchell, Frederick Francis
Nicol, George Woodburn
Parsons, Edmond
Patterson, Archibald
Sharwood, William
Wells, Thomas Washington—29.

DIED:

Means, Andrew Jackson—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....25	Died 1
Greeted ..... 5—30.	Now borne upon the roll....29—30.

SHASTA COUNCIL, No. 6.

Shasta, Shasta County.

Stated Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Morris Mehon, *Th. Ill. Master*, Daniel Potter Bystle, *Recorder*,
Albert Frederick Ross, *Deputy Ill. M.*, John Sale Strode, *C. of the Guard*,
John William Garden, *P. C. Works*, Sylvester Hull, *Conductor*,
William Alexander Boswell, *Treas'r*, Wilhelm Kellner, *Steward*,
Gunther Frederick Chas. Schroter, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Daniel Potter Bystle, Albert Frederick Ross,
Adolph Dobrowsky, Morris Mehon.

SELECT MASTERS:

Andrew, William
Andrews, Alexander Robertson
Beard, John Samuel
Bell, Joseph Evans
Blossom, Robert Hurd
Brown, Ancil Lycurgus
Cahoone, William Brower
Hall, Joseph *N*
Kimball, Gorham Gates
Lowden, William Spencer
McCoy, Leo Lewis
Miller, Thomas Love
Murphy, Sylvanus Everett
Nichols, James Levin
Overmeyer, Charles Edwin
Reynolds, John Edward
Ross, Herman Frederick
Rowles, James
Satterlee, Frank Peck
Scammon, James Freeman
Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Scranton, Jewett
Smith, Champion *W*
Sweeny, Edward
Taylor, Clay Webster
Weil, David
Weil, Joseph
Wimmer, James Moses—38.

RESTORED:

Hall, Joseph *N*—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Scott, John Varner Souter, John—2.

DIED:

Paulsen, Jacob—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	40	Suspended for N. P. D.....	2
Restored	1—41.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll	38—41.

HELENA COUNCIL, No. 9.

Helena, Montana.

Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Walter E. Frederick, *Th. Ill. Master*, George Booker, *Recorder*,
William McClatchey, *D. Ill. Master*, Francis Doremus Jones, *Capt. of G.*,
Joseph J. Hindson, *P. C. of W.*, Henry H. Guthrie, *Conductor*,
Edward D. Neill, Jr., *Treasurer*, August Weisenhorn, *Steward*,
John Crittenden Major, *Sentinel.*

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Cornelius Hedges, James W. Hathaway,
Walter E. Frederick, William McClatchey,
John Crittenden Major, Henry M. Parchen.

SELECT MASTERS:

Baker, Isaac W.
Barret, Anthony H.
Cater, Charles *S*
Cook, Andrew B.
Cowden, Henry
Cummings, Pat. W.
Davis, Lewellyn Daniel
Day, Edward Carson
Demain, Lewis Cyrus
Edgar, Alfred Douglass
Evans, Henry D.
Featherman, James Benjamin
Featherman, John A.
Fox, Jonathan N.
Garrett, Clarence B.
Greenhood, Isaac
Henry, Daniel B.
Holter, Anton M.
Holter, Martin *M*
Hunter, Duncan Thomas
Jones, Louis L.
Jury, William
Kennon, Richard T.
Kirkendall, Hugh
Kirkendall, Thomas B.
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.
Lockey, Richard
Lombard, Halsey W.
McCann, William Henry
McCaw, William *W P*
Murphy, John
Nolan, Cornelius B.
Palmer, Aleck. L.
Reed, Henry S.
Reese, Hugh
Reinig, Michael
Riley, Michael C.
Robinson, Jeremiah
Schwab, Samuel
Sederburg, Albert Vitalis
Shaw, William Steel
Smith, William Dulin
Spalding, William Scott
Stebbins, Charles Henderson
Stewart, William Wallace
Switzer, Jacob

Tatem, Benjamin Hutchinson
Tonkin, William R.
Walker, Jacob Longacre
White, Charles Eugene
Whitworth, Alfred
Wood, George R.—64.

WITHDRAWN:

Comly, Harry *R*
Fisk, Andrew *J*
Knight, Edward *W*—3.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....60
Greeted 6
Affiliated ..... 1—67.
Withdrawn..... 3
Now borne upon the roll.....64—67.

STOCKTON COUNCIL, No. 10.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Edward Richards Hedges, *T. Ill. M.*, Geo. Alexander McKenzie, *Recorder*,
John Yardley, *D. Ill. Master*, Henry Ephriam Robbins, *C. of Guard*,
John Garwood, *Prin. Con. Works*, Samuel Eikenburg Latta, *Conductor*,
Columbus Hurd, *Treasurer*, Flavil Gaylord Hickox, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Howe, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

William Abraham Davies, Alexander Chalmers.
Edward Richards Hedges,

SELECT MASTERS:

Bachmann, Carl August
Baggs, Harry Nichols
Barber, Joseph Martin
Barrett, Sheldon Hopkins
Beede, William Morris Stewart
Bergman, Francis Gustav Alex. H.
Brown, Philip Thomas
Buchanan, Charles Joseph
Buell, Park Arbington
Caine, John
Castle, Christopher Champlin
Castle, Durrell Oliver
Catts, George Elbert
Claiborne, Gilbert Burnet
Cobb, Frank Dyckman
Cross, Samuel Nelson
Cunningham, Thomas
Dalby, Samuel Price
Ditz, George, Jr.
Dorsey, Caleb
Elliott, Lyman Weston
Fortune, James Pulaski
Fraser, Philip Barry
Gersbacher, Joshua Barre
Harrison, Norval
Harrison, William Bruce
Henderson, Milton Pierce
Henderson, Orrin Staples
Jory, John
Kerr, Benjamin Eadie
Keyes, Henry Calcutt
Lane, Frank Ellis
Lehe, Eugene
McCreary, Edward Davis
McGuffick, William
McKenzie, John Alexander

McKinnon, Angus
McPherson, Joseph Kennon
Milco, Nicola
Noble, Arthur Morgan
O'Brien, John Henry
Peters, Joseph Daphine
Rhodes, William Henry Harrison
Robertson, Peter Sterling
Robinson, Isaac Henry
Rolerson, Benjamin Franklin
Russell, Richard William
Shaw, Henry Coffin
Shurtleff, George Augustus
Smith, James Webb
Smith, Wellington Treat
Snow, William
Sperry, George Barker
Stone, William Henry
Swain, Cornelius
Swain, Joseph Henry
Tindall, Pleasant Hay
Wallace, Hamilton—69.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Leitch, Archibald—1.

EXCLUDED:

Lothrop, Isaac—1.

DIED:

Graham, William
Prugh, Winfield Webster—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....72	Suspended for N. P. D 1
Greeted..... 1—73.	Excluded..... 1
	Died..... 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....69—73.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL, No. 11.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

August Wackerbarth, *Th.Ill. Master*, Joseph Fiscus, *Recorder*,
William Byron Scarborough, *D.Ill.M.* George Henry Habel, *Capt. of G.*,
Jasper Newton Preston, *P. C. of W.*, David Munroe Sutherland, *Cond'ct'r*,
Cornelius Vanoy Baldwin, *Treasurer*, Ambrogio Vignolo, *Steward*,
Milton Cephas Fordham, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Henry Sayre Orme,
Granville Quincy Stuart,
Robert Gilmore Cunningham,
Norton Filmore Story,
August Wackerbarth,
Julius Brousseau.

SELECT MASTERS:

Bicknell, John Dustin
Blackmore, Eli Tucker
Branch, John Franklin
Brooks, Daniel William
Brown, John Alexander
Bullis, Omri

Burr, William Orange
Bush, Charles Wilson
Campbell, John Mis
Clemens, Andrew
Conradi, Simon
Coulter, John Alexander
Craigue, Solon William
Crawford, James Seth
Cummings, William George
Dornfield, Ferdinand Emil
Drought, Robert
Dunsmoor, Charles Henry
Folsom, Niles Rathbone
Freeman, Edwin Herbert
Grubb, Oscar Edwin
Haskell, John Condit
Henderson, William Hutchinson
Hinds, George
Hinman, Clifford Irwin
Illich, Gerolomo
Jacobs, Lewis
Jeffries, William Thomas
Jewett, Stanley Punchardon
Knickerbocker, Niles
Lambie, William Thomas
Levy, Michael
McManis, John Rodman
Meyer, Samuel
Miles, David Edwin
Moore, James Lamar
Morgan, Addison
Morgan, William Adams
Owens, Madison Townsand
Perry, John Sargent
Polaski, Lewis
Rohrer, John Bonewitz
Rolfe, Horace Cowen
Rowan, Thomas Edwin
Salisbury, Samuel Scott
Santee, Milton
Smith, Henry Augustus
Strohm, Thomas
Van Doren, John Suydam
Van Nuys, Isaac Newton
Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Whitsoh, Levi Henry
Williams, Romayne
Wilson, Thomas Jonathan—68.

WITHDRAWN:

Christopher, John Francis—1.

DIED:

Bowles, Ralph Amaso
Brodtbeck, Otto
Hewitt, Eldridge Edward
McQuin, John Francis—4.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report	71	Withdrawn	1
Greeted	2—73.	Died	4
		Now borne upon the roll	68—73.

OAKLAND COUNCIL, No. 12.

Oakland, Alameda County.

Stated Meetings, fifth Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

August Lewis Ott, *Th. Ill. M.*, John Wm. McClymonds, *Recorder*,
Damien Edmont Fortin, *D. Ill. Master*, Albert Humphrey Merritt, *C. of Guard*,
Edward Harrison Morgan, *P. C. W.*, John *A* Beckwith, *Conductor*,
William Frank Pierce, *Treasurer*, Charles Henry Douglass, *Steward*,
Charles Edwin Gillett, *Sentinel*.

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters:

Charles Edwin Gillett,
James Bestor Merritt,
William Frank Pierce,
Edward Harrison Morgan,
Webb Nicholson Pearce,
Edwin Allen Sherman,
Eugene Cormeny,
William Clay Smith,
Robert Edgar,
Amasa Wright Bishop.

SELECT MASTERS:

Ames, George Spencer
Bice, John
Bradley, John Tilford
Breed, Arthur Hastings
Brown, Lewis Henry
Burnham, Charles Franklin
Burrell, Alfred William
Cary, Amzi *B*
Clift, Frederick Charles
Crooks, John Chisholm
Dalton, Henry Philip
Degan, Ludolph Philip
DeGolia, George Ellis
Dubbs, Willis Snowden
Ely, Ralph Asahel
Evers, John Henry
Fletter, Freborn *J*
French, Robert Elsworth
Gilpin, Zachery Taylor
Goodman, George
Gray, Roscoe Spaulding
Gregory, Calvin Levi
Gunn, Adam Francis
Hahn, Henry Casper
Hale, William Elmer
Hamilton, William Thomas
Handy, Brayton Everington
Hayes, Daniel Edward
Hewes, Charles Leslie
Hewes, Charles Wesley
Jones, Herbert Ellis
Kales, Martin William
Kendall, Alpheus
Koser, Newton Alexander
Lamoureaux, Philias Henry
Martin, Daniel Wilkins
Mauzy, Byron
Meek, Horry Wert
Meek, William Elsworth
Metcalf, George Dickson
Michaels, Henry
Morris, Moses
Nordhausen, Ernest Albert
Nutting, Charles Wilber
O'Donnell, Francis Henry E.
Owens, Wm. Henry Searls
Parsons, Thomas *J*
Patterson, Albert Louis Crandall
Payne, George Henry
Perkins, Alfred Thomas
Phillips, John Waterman
Pierce, Charles Dexter
Randall, Charles Wells
Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Samson, Martin Meyer
Sears, Herman *B*
Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Spreckels, Richard
Stone, Andrew *L*
Stone, Louis *S*
Strong, Milton Grosvener
Taylor, Albert Mills
Twombly, Charles Henry
Wall, Joseph George
Walsh, Edward Marion
Weilbye, Julius Lars
Weilbye, William Hansen
Williams, John
Winchester, Ebenezer
Woodin, Eugene
Woodward, Arthur Sedley
Wright, Cyrus Smith
Yablonsky, John—89.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Blood, William Frank
Clark, Alvah Kittredge
Craig, William Henry
Du Bois, Sumner Victor
Johnson, Ellis Crowell
Lees, David Todd, Jr.—6.

DIED:

Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil—1.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....96	Suspended for N. P. D 6
	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....89—96.

LIST OF THE SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1896.

	Names of Councils.	No. Council.	Place of Location.		Date when Charter was ordered.	Greeted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Withdrawn.	Excluded.	Suspend'd for non. pay. Dues	Suspend'd for Unmas. Cond.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Members.	Dues to Grand Council.
			Town.	County.												
1	Sacramento. . .	1	Sacramento, . .	Sacramento, . .	June 27, 1860.	8	. . .	. . .	12	. . .	5	. . .	. . .	8	195	$106 50
2	California	2	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	" " "	7	. . .	1	17	1	87	. . .	. . .	11	263	138 50
3	Marysville . . .	3	Marysville, ...	Yuba	" " "	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	3	86	43 00
*	Sierra Nevada	4	Placerville, . . .	El Dorado, . . .	" " "	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
4	Sonora	5	Sonora, ...	Tuolumne, ...	May 8, 1861.	5	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	29	19 50
5	Shasta	6	Shasta, ...	Shasta, ...	May 7, 1862.	. . . .	. . .	1	. .	. . .	2	. . .	. . .	1	38	19 00
*	Virginia	7	Virginia City, .	Nevada State, .	Oct. 18, 1865.	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
*	Yreka	8	Yreka, ...	Siskiyou, ...	Oct. 22, 1868.	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
6	Helena	9	Helena, ...	Montana State	" " "	6	1	. . .	3	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	64	38 00
7	Stockton	10	Stockton, ...	San Joaquin, .	April 7, 1870.	1	. . .	. . .	. . .	1	1	. . .	. . .	2	69	35 50
8	Los Angeles . .	11	Los Angeles, . .	Los Angeles, . .	April 13, 1871.	2	. . .	. . .	1	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	4	68	36 00
9	Oakland	12	Oakland, ...	Alameda, ...	April 12, 1883.	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	6	. . .	. . .	1	89	44 50
10	Gateway, ...	UD.	Auburn, ...	Placer, ...	. . . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
	Totals . . .					29	1	2	33	2	101	. . .	. . .	31	901	$480 50

* Charter surrendered.

GRAND COUNCILS
IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA,
With Addresses of Grand Recorders.

Grand Councils.	Grand Recorders.	Residence.
ALABAMA,	H. CLAY ARMSTRONG,	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS,	JAMES A. HENRY,	Little Rock.
CANADA,	SIDNEY J. SANFORD,	Barrie.
CONNECTICUT,	JAMES MCCORMICK,	Hartford.
ENGLAND AND WALES,	C. F. MATIER,	8A Red Lion Square, London, W. C.
FLORIDA,	JOHN CARLOVITZ,	Milton.
GEORGIA,	ANDREW M. WOLIHIN,	Albany.
ILLINOIS,	GIL. W. BARNARD,	Chicago.
INDIANA,	WILLIAM H. SMYTHE,	Indianapolis.
INDIAN TERRITORY,	JOSEPH S. MURROW,	Atoka.
KANSAS,	A. M. CALLAHAM..	Topeka.
KENTUCKY,	L. D. CRONINGER,	Covington.
LOUISIANA,	RICHARD LAMBERT,	New Orleans.
MAINE,	STEPHEN BERRY,	Portland.
MARYLAND,	GEORGE L. MCCAHAN,	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS,	SERANUS BOWEN,	Boston.
MICHIGAN,	GARRA B. NOBLE,	Detroit.
MINNESOTA,	THOMAS MONTGOMERY,	St. Paul.
MISSISSIPPI,	J.L. POWER,	Jackson.
MISSOURI,	WILLIAM H. MAYO,	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA,	WM. R. BOWEN,	Omaha.
NEW BRUNSWICK,	ROBERT MARSHALL,	St. John.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,	GEORGE P. CLEAVES,	Concord.
NEW JERSEY,	CHARLES BECHTEL,	Trenton.
NEW YORK,	GEORGE VAN VLIET,	16 Eighth Avenue, New York City.
NORTH CAROLINA,	JAMES C. MUNDS,	Wilmington.
OHIO,	WILLIAM E. EVANS,	Chillicothe.
OREGON,	SETH L. POPE,	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA,	JOSHUA L. LYTE,	Lancaster.
RHODE ISLAND,	WILLIAM R. GREENE,	Providence.
SCOTLAND,	ROBERT S. BROWN,	5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.
SOUTH CAROLINA,	ZIMMERMAN DAVIS,	Charleston.
TENNESSEE,	WM. A. CLENDENING,	Nashville.
VERMONT,	WARREN G. REYNOLDS,	Burlington.
WASHINGTON,	EDWARD R. HARE,	Tacoma.
WISCONSIN,	JOHN W. LAFLIN,	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. COUNCIL U. S.,	HENRY W. MORDHURST,	Fort Wayne, Ind.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of California.

Arkansas	WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE	Oakland.
Canada	GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE	Stockton.
Connecticut	CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT	Oakland.
Georgia	ROBERT ASH	San Francisco.
Illinois	STEPHEN WING	San Francisco.
Indiana	WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,	Sacramento.
Kansas	HENRY ASCROFT	San Francisco.
Kentucky	THOMAS KYLE	San Francisco.
Louisiana	THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL	San Francisco.
Maine	CHARLES LORD FIELD	San Francisco.
Maryland	DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE	Shasta.
Massachusetts	FRANKLIN HENRY DAY	San Francisco.
Michigan	WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE	Sacramento.
Minnesota	*——— ———	———.
Missouri	GEORGE PENLINGTON	San Francisco.
Nebraska	*———	———.
New Hampshire	EWDARD RICHARDS HEDGES	Stockton.
New Jersey	JOHN WILLIAM ROCK	Sacramento.
New York	CHARLES LORD FIELD	San Francisco.
North Carolina	WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS	Sacramento.
Ohio	WM. FRANK PIERCE,	Oakland.
Oregon	ALFRED WALTON BALDWIN	San Francisco.
Pennsylvania	EWDARD RICHARDS HEDGES	Stockton.
Rhode Island	CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT	Oakland.
South Carolina	JAMES BESTOR MERRITT	Oakland.
Tennessee	HENRY SAYRE ORME	Los Angeles.
Vermont	WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES	San Francisco.

* Deceased.

REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Council of California near other Grand Councils.

Arkansas	*	
Canada	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto.
Connecticut	Alexander B. Shumway	Litchfield.
Georgia	Christopher F. Lewis	Augusta.
Illinois	John A. Ladd	Sterling.
Indiana	Orlando W. Brownback	Pendleton.
Kansas	Robert E. Torrington	Wichita.
Kentucky	James Dysert Lewis	Louisville.
Louisiana	Samuel Manning Todd	New Orleans.
Maine	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Maryland	Albert Benedict Lyman	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Eugene H. Richards	Boston.
Michigan	*	
Minnesota	W. A. Spaulding	Minneapolis.
Missouri	Thomas Seal	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Edwin A. Allen	North Loup.
New Hampshire	John F. Maynard	Ashland.
New Jersey	John M. Knapp	Ridgewood.
New York	Theodore H. Barber	Syracuse.
North Carolina	W. F. Randolph	Asheville.
Ohio	Arthur P. Crane	Toledo.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	George Laing	Pittsburgh.
Rhode Island	Robert S. Franklin	Newport.
South Carolina	John R. Allen	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Vermont	George W. Wing	Montpelier.

* Deceased.

GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Council June 26, A. Dep. 2860

1860.

*ISAAC DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1861.

*WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,.....*Grand Master;*
*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1862.

*ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....*Grand Master;*
*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN ASHBY TUTT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1863.

*ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*CHARLES L. DANIELSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1864.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, ...*Grand Master;*
*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works;*

1865.

*ANDERSON SEAVY,.....*Grand Master;*
LOUIS COHN,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JANUARY,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON, ...*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1866.

*JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH,.....*Grand Master;*
*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1867.

*ALVIN BACON PRESTON,.....*Grand Master;*
*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1868.

*JOSEPH ISAACS,.....*Grand Master;*
FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM FRANKLIN KNOX,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1870.

FREDERICK FERDINAND BARSS,.....*Grand Master;*
STEPHEN WING,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*LEONARD GOSS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1871.

STEPHEN WING,.....*Grand Master;*
THOMAS KYLE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1872.

THOMAS KYLE,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1873.

WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS,.....*Grand Master;*
POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1874.

POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1875.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1876.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Master;*
*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1877.

*GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1878.

WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1879.

EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ... *Grand Master;*
EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1880.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1881.

EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, ... *Grand Master;*
JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1882.

JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, ... *Grand Master;*
DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1883.

DANIEL POTTER BYSTLE, ... *Grand Master;*
GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1884.

GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ... *Grand Master;*
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1885.

FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ... *Grand Master;*
ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1886.

CHARLES LORD FIELD, ... *Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, ... *Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON, ... *Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, ... *Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

1887.

CHARLES LORD FIELD,.....*Grand Master;*
JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1888.

JAMES BESTOR MERRITT,.....*Grand Master;*
*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Illustrious Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1889.

*WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1890.

WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE,.....*Grand Master;*
*DAVID PUGH MARSHALL,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
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1893.

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1894.

GEORGE PENLINGTON,.....*Grand Master;*
CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1895.

CHARLES EDWIN GILLETT,.....*Grand Master;*
WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

1896.

WILLIAM HEWSON DAVIS,.....*Grand Master;*
HENRY ASCROFT,.....*Deputy Grand Master;*
ROBERT ASH,.....*Grand Prin. Con. of the Works.*

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*Deceased.

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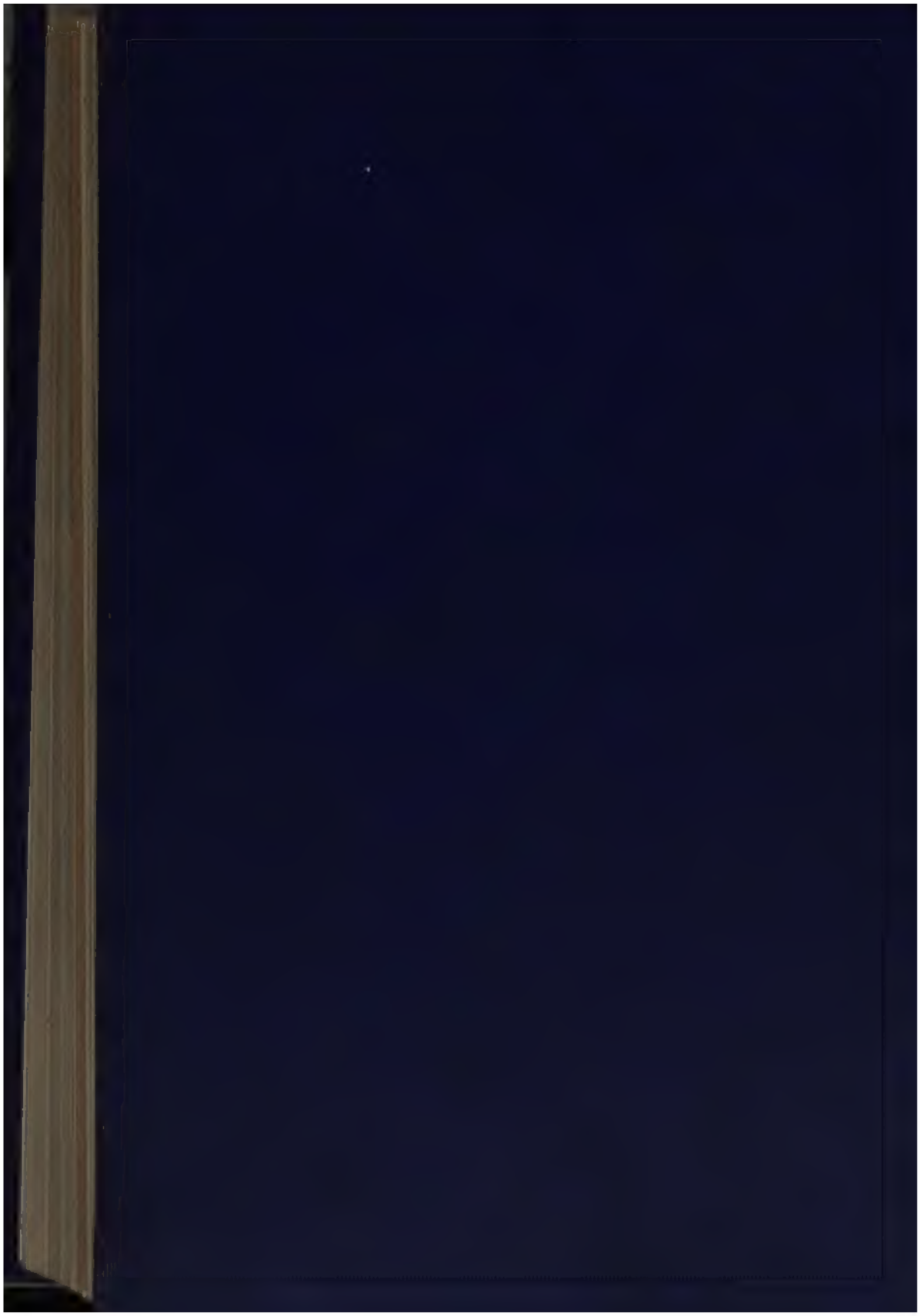
NOTICE.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Monday, the nineteenth day of April, A. D. 1897, Anno Dep. 2897, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THOS. H. CASWELL,

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